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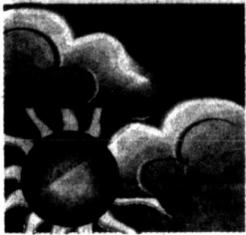
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AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Legislature might balk at funding pay raises for university faculty unless a strong system is enacted for reviewing tenured professors, a key lawmaker says.

Senate Finance Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said a weak proposal for reviewing tenured faculty would jeopardize increased funding for state universities and faculty members, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

"I do hope that we can give higher education some more money. I think they have taken a back seat in the last two budgets. I am in hopes that we can put them at the head of the line," Ratliff said. But he added that "the public is not going to look favorably on continuing to give higher pay with the current tenure absolute lifetime protections."

Ratliff has pushed for continuing review of faculty who earn tenure, which traditionally protects professors from being fired except in extreme cases. He says he wants to ensure they are held accountable for performance. Others say efforts to revoke tenure could hurt universities' efforts to recruit and keep the best professors.

AUSTIN (AP) — There were no winners in Wednesday's Lotto Texas drawing by the Texas Lottery. The numbers drawn were: 4, 17, 22, 26, 31 and 45.

The estimated Lotto Texas jackpot for Saturday is \$12 million.

LEON, Mexico (AP) — A stake truck carrying pilgrims to a religious shrine went out of control and crashed, killing at least 14 people and injuring nine more, newspapers reported Thursday.

Federal highway police told the daily El Sol de Leon that the residents of Uriangato, a town in Guanajuato state, were on their way to a shrine to the Virgin Mary in San Juan de los Lagos, about 60 miles northwest of this city in central Mexico.

Police said the truck was speeding and apparently lost its brakes around mid-day Wednesday.

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — A bomb exploded aboard a bus in the Syrian capital, wounding dozens of people and killing as many as 12, sources reached by telephone in Damascus said today.

The explosion occurred Tuesday near the Baramkeh bus station in the city's center, the sources said. The Syrian government has yet to issue any report on the blast.

At least 40 people were taken to a hospital.

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Ethics panel to suggest reprimand for Gingrich

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House ethics subcommittee will recommend that Speaker Newt Gingrich be reprimanded, a punishment that would allow him to keep his job, sources close to the investigation said today.

The recommendation goes to the full ethics committee next Wednesday, a day after the speaker's election, and virtually rules out a more serious censure. A censure would make Gingrich ineligible to serve as speaker under Republican caucus rules.

The sources, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said Gingrich's defense team negotiated the recommendation as part of the speaker's admission Dec. 21 that he violated House rules.

The four-member investigative subcommittee includes two Republicans and two Democrats. The full committee, including the subcommittee members, has five Republicans

and five Democrats.

With the subcommittee's unanimous recommendation, there's virtually no chance that the three Republicans on the full committee would accept an effort to upgrade the punishment to a censure.

And since the two Democrats on the investigative panel would be backing a reprimand, it's unlikely the three full committee Democrats would push for a censure either.

Both a censure and a reprimand involve a vote by the full House to criticize a member's conduct. However, the censure vote is supplemented by rules of both parties that force the censured member to step aside from a committee chairmanship or leadership post.

Politically, this means the only thing that could defeat Gingrich in next Tuesday's vote would be defections from his own party.

Meanwhile, a former Demo-

cratic chairman of the ethics committee says he can't recall members of the ethics panel ever publicly opposing censure for a colleague before deliberating on a punishment, as two Republicans are doing with the speaker.

"I'm unaware of a member of the ethics committee heretofore communicating to the leadership of either party their predisposition to vote a certain way on a sanction," Rep. Julian Dixon, D-Calif., who was the ethics committee chairman for six years starting in 1989, said in an interview Wednesday.

"It's my recollection during my tenure that members were exceptionally cautious on making public utterances on issues pending before them," added Dixon, who chaired the committee when it charged then-Speaker Jim Wright with ethical wrongdoing. His former chief counsel, Ralph Lotkin, agreed.

Shamrock robbery suspect arrested

WHEELER — An extensive two-day manhunt through gullies and rough terrain ended Wednesday about 1 p.m. when Wheeler County deputies picked up the man accused of robbing the Puckett Affiliated Food Store in Shamrock.

The manhunt began Monday when store employees notified police the store had been robbed by a man who had asked for a job application, then returned with a gun, took the employees to the back of the store and bound them with tape.

The suspect left the store in the store manager's car and later was pursued by sheriff's deputies and other peace officers outside Shamrock. The suspect abandoned the car and fled on foot.

On Wednesday afternoon, Wheeler County deputies apprehended the bandit, tentatively identified as Christopher Adams, near Interstate 40 east of Shamrock, after a rancher reported being approached by a hitchhiker.

Wheeler County Sheriff Jimmy Adams said "His picture ID doesn't match. We're using lots of resources, from lots of agencies, to make a positive identification."

Sheriff Adams said a rancher was tending stock when he was approached by the man. The rancher used his ranch rifle to keep the man at a distance.

The hitchhiker then reportedly said he didn't want any trouble and walked away. Once the man was out of distance, the

rancher notified the sheriff's office.

Currently Christopher Adams is being held in lieu of \$1.2 million bond on three counts of aggravated kidnapping and one count of aggravated robbery.

"This guy is very experienced. He was hiding out in terrain that is much like Palo Duro Canyon. He had lots of places to hide," said Sheriff Adams.

Sheriff Adams said that the gun used in the robbery and the cash from the store were in Christopher Adams' possession when officers made the arrest.

The manager of Puckett's would not disclose the amount taken in the robbery, but he did say that it was cash from the office, not the registers.

New Year's baby



Stacy Neal shows off her New Year's Day baby, daughter Raven Chantelle Neal. The baby, born at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Columbia Medical Center, weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and is 21 inches long. Neal was due to have the baby on Wednesday; she came to the hospital at 11 a.m. and delivered her daughter at 3 p.m. after 3 1/2 hours of labor. The father is Shelby Landers.

Jobless claims show increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of American workers filing first-time claims for jobless benefits shot up unexpectedly by 22,000 last week to the highest level since last summer, suggesting a moderating labor market.

The Labor Department said today that new applications for unemployment insurance totaled a seasonally adjusted 366,000, up from a revised 344,000 during the week ended Dec. 21, when claims fell by 6,000.

It was the highest level of new claims since they totaled 367,000 during the week ended July 13. The jump was the steepest since claims shot up by 23,000 during the week ended Oct. 26.

And the 344,000 level of Dec. 21 was even higher than the 335,000 estimate reported last week.

After dipping to 5.1 percent in August, the unemployment rate grew to 5.4 percent in November, highest since an identical rate last July.

Many analysts had expected a slight increase last week despite fewer days in which to file because of the Christmas holiday.

The four-week moving average of new weekly jobless claims rose by 9,000 to 352,500, highest since 360,500 July 13.

Many analysts prefer to track the less-volatile four-week average because it smooths out the spikes in the weekly reports.

During the week ended Dec. 21, 38 states and territories reported increases, 13 registered declines and two were unchanged. The state data are reported a week later than the national totals.

New sheriff



(Special photo by Ed Copeland)
Don Copeland, right, is sworn in as Gray County sheriff by District Judge Lee Waters in private ceremonies at Copeland's home shortly after midnight New Year's Eve. Copeland was elected without opposition in the November general elections after winning the Republican Party primary election over incumbent Sheriff Randy Stubblefield. Other Gray County officials were sworn in at ceremonies at the Gray County courthouse about 9 a.m. New Year's Day.

Palestinian militants vowing revenge for soldier's attack

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — An off-duty soldier who fired into a Palestinian market said today that he acted alone, but police detained a second soldier on suspicion he knew about plans to attack Palestinians.

Palestinian militants also vowed today to exact revenge for Pvt. Noam Friedman's shooting attack at a crowded Hebron market, and U.S. envoy Dennis Ross intensified efforts to close a deal hoped to ease tension in the city.

Ross was trying to arrange a meeting between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to conclude a deal placing most of Hebron — the last West Bank city occupied by Israel — under Palestinian control.

The Palestinians were holding out for an Israeli timetable for a troop withdrawal from most of the West Bank, as pledged in the original autonomy agreement

signed by Netanyahu's predecessors.

Friedman, 22, has said he opened fire in the market, wounding five Palestinians, to scuttle a Hebron agreement. Nine more were hospitalized after being beaten by Israeli soldiers trying to control the angry crowd.

A magistrate today ordered Friedman, who has a history of psychiatric problems, held for 10 more days while the investigation continues.

Police also have detained a second soldier on suspicion he knew about Friedman's plans to attack Palestinians.

The soldier — 21-year-old Yuval Jibli — served with Friedman at an army base near Jerusalem. Further details were not released.

"I acted alone," Friedman, still dressed in uniform, told reporters today in the courtroom.



(Pampa News photo by Dave Bower)
District Judge Lee Waters, left, gives the oath of office to Gray County Commissioner Gerald Wright during ceremonies New Year's Day at the Gray County courthouse. Other elected officials sworn in Wednesday's ceremonies were Commissioner Joe Wheeler, County Attorney Todd Alvey, Tax Assessor Sammie Morris and Constable Frank Sparling.

County approves new auditor

Gray County commissioners started 1997 by meeting to confirm the appointment of a new county auditor on New Year's Day.

Elaine Morris was confirmed as the new Gray County auditor during a special called meeting of the commissioners court about 9:30 a.m. Wednesday. Morris was appointed to the job by a panel of district judges to replace retiring auditor A.C. Malone.

Commissioners also changed the county auditor's salary and the assistant county auditor's salary for the year as requested

by the district judges from the proposed 1997 budget. The county auditor will be paid \$32,400. The assistant will be paid \$24,000.

Under the proposed 1997 budget, the auditor would have been paid \$37,148 and the assistant would have been paid \$19,252 per year.

County Judge Richard Peet noted that the changes would not affect the overall county budget. They would only change line item adjustments.

The commissioners also approved bonds for newly sworn county officials.

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Services tomorrow

HOGAN, E.W. "Bud" - Graveside services, 2 p.m., Holly Hills Memorial Park, Granbury.
SMITH, Mary L. - 10 a.m., Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors Martin Road Chapel, Amarillo. Graveside services, 2:30 p.m., Shamrock Cemetery, Shamrock.

Obituaries

JAMES MONROE BOUCHER
LEFORS - James Monroe Boucher, 91, died Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1997, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church in Lefors with the Rev. Lewis Ellis, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Boucher was born Jan. 31, 1905, at Morgan Mill, Texas. He married Dovie Dean Rose on Jan. 24, 1925; she died Nov. 1, 1983. He had been a Lefors area resident since 1930. He worked for Phillips Petroleum, retiring in 1970 after 40 years of service. He was a longtime member and deacon of First Baptist Church at Lefors.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Don Howard of San Antonio; a son and daughter-in-law, James Phillip and Estelle Boucher of Amarillo; four grandchildren, David Howard of Lefors, Doug Howard of San Antonio and Mike Boucher and Billy Cox, both of Amarillo; four great-grandchildren, Stormy Howard and Dusty Howard of Lefors and Danny Howard and Matthew Howard of San Antonio; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church of Lefors.

E.W. "BUD" HOGAN
GRANBURY - E.W. "Bud" Hogan, 78, a former Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1996, at Hood General Hospital. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Holly Hills Memorial Park with the Rev. Gene Hadley officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Martin's Funeral Home of Granbury.

Mr. Hogan was born July 15, 1918, at Pampa. He had been a Granbury resident for 17 years. He was a retired commercial builder. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II. He was a past commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Pampa and was a former member of the Masonic Lodge in Pampa. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Granbury.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth, of Granbury; a daughter, Carmelita Hogan of Dallas; a son, Jeff Hogan of Austin; a sister, Martha Parker of McLean; and a brother, Chuck Hogan of Mobetie.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

MARY L. SMITH
AMARILLO - Mary L. Smith, 82, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1996. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors Martin Road Chapel with the Rev. LaVon Thompson, of Life of Praise Fellowship Church, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. in Shamrock Cemetery at Shamrock.

Mrs. Smith was born at Abilene. She married Thomas E. Smith in 1938 at Yuma, Ariz.; he died in 1992. She had been an Amarillo resident since 1965. She had been employed as an L.V.N. at Vivian's Nursing Home, High Plains Baptist Hospital, Northwest Texas Hospital and Osteopathic Hospital, retiring in 1975.

She was preceded in death by a son, Thomas E. Smith Jr., in 1960.

Survivors include three daughters, Linda Golden and Cathy Dencklau, both of Amarillo, and Sandra McKinley of Plainview; her mother, Helen Brooks of Amarillo; a brother, William Maxwell of Atlanta, Ga.; 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 403 S. Manhattan in Amarillo and requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice.

Correction

It was mistakenly reported in Wednesday's sheriff's report that George Morse was arrested on violation of probation and driving while intoxicated charges. The report should have read he was arrested on violation of probation on a DWI charge.

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK
 A blood pressure check and blood sugar tests offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 1
 Gray County deputies responded to a reported theft at the Gas Man at 1505 Ripley. Gray County deputies responded to the Gray County Jail for an agency assist.

Arrests
 Jacqueline Montgomery, 21, 1041 S. Clark, was charged with two counts of issuance of bad checks in Hemphill County. She remains in custody.

Donna Kay Harris, 33, 329 N. Wells, was arrested for violation of probation from Randall County. She remains in custody.

Robert Terry Stine, 35, 1121 S. Nelson, was arrested on three Hunt County DPS warrants. He remains in custody.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 31
 Theft of various items was reported in the 700 block of East Francis. Cost was not estimated.

THURSDAY, Jan. 1
 Theft of a 1979 Chevy Pickup was reported from the parking lot of Peggy's Place between midnight and 2 a.m.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of East Kingsmill. Damage to two Goodyear tires was estimated at \$240.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of North Wells. Damage to the rear passenger window of a vehicle is estimated at \$500.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 1
 5:25 p.m. - Two units and three personnel responded to a grass fire at the intersection of Gray County Road D and Gray County 4.

10:34 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to a carbon monoxide alarm at 1830 Faulkner.

THURSDAY, Jan. 2
 1:29 a.m. - Three units and five personnel responded to a grass fire in the 500 block of Gillespie.

1:29 a.m. - Three units and five personnel responded to a grass fire in the 200 block of Thut.

1:29 a.m. - Three units and five personnel responded to a grass fire in the 600 block of Houston. The fire department is investigating the cause of the grass fires, as all three took place at the same time.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 1
 11:30 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to a local nursing facility.

12:27 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of South Sumner on a welfare check. No patient was transferred.

1:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Doyle on a trauma. No patient was transported.

8:16 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1800 block of Dogwood on a medical emergency. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center emergency room.

10:57 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of East Browning on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	3.95	Chevron	64 1/8	dn 7/8
Milo	3.97	Coca-Cola	51 1/2	dn 1 1/8
Corn	4.77	Columbia/HCA	39 3/4	dn 1
		Enron	42 5/8	dn 1/2
		Halliburton	60	dn 1/4
		Ingersoll Rand	44 1/8	dn 3/8
		KNE	38 3/8	dn 7/8
		Kerr McGee	71 5/8	dn 3/8
		Limited	18	dn 3/8
		Mapco	33 5/8	dn 3/8
		McDonald's	45 1/8	dn 1/4
		Mobil	122 1/8	dn 1/8
		New Atmos	23 3/4	dn 1/8
		Parker & Parsley	36	dn 3/4
		Penney's	47 1/4	dn 1 1/2
		Phillips	43 7/8	dn 3/8
		SLB	99 7/8	NC
		SPS	34 7/8	dn 1/2
		Tenneco	44 1/2	dn 5/8
		Ultramar	31 3/4	NC
		Wal-Mart	22 5/8	dn 1/8
		New York Gold	366.80	4.70
		Silver	4.70	4.70
		West Texas Crude	25.92	

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:

Occidental	23 1/8	dn 1/4
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Magellan	80.65	
Puritan	17.24	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Amoco	80 1/2	dn 1/8
Arco	132 1/4	dn 1/4
Cabot	24 7/8	dn 1/4
Cabot O&G	17	dn 1/8

Carson County officials sworn in



(Pampa News photo by Dave Bousser)

Carson County officials were sworn in today at ceremonies at the Carson County courthouse in Panhandle. From left, Mike Britten, Precinct 1 commissioner; Scott Sherwood, county attorney; Jerry Strawn, Precinct 3 commissioner; Loren Brand, sheriff, and Roslyn Watson, tax assessor and collector, take their oaths of office about 9 a.m. today. Carson County Judge Jay Roselius, right, administers the oaths.

Irvin denies being present during assault

DALLAS (AP) - Dallas Cowboys star Michael Irvin says he was at a sports bar the night a woman said he held a gun to her head while a teammate and another man raped her, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported today.

The 23-year-old woman told police she was raped at the home of offensive lineman Erik Williams on Sunday night. Irvin has denied being at Williams' home that night, and said he looks forward to talking to police.

Sources told The Associated Press that the woman informed police Irvin videotaped at least part of the alleged attack.

One of Irvin's lawyers, Anthony Lyons, told the Star-Telegram that Irvin says he was at Cowboys Sports Cafe in Irving most of the evening.

Another of Irvin's lawyers, Royce West, said today on ABC's Good Morning America he can prove his client wasn't at Williams' house Sunday night because the security guard at the gated complex says he didn't see Irvin.

"I want America to know that that security guard will state Mr. Michael Irvin never went in that security gate, never went to Erik Williams' house Sunday night," West said.

A manager for Triad Protective Services, which handles security for Williams' community, said the guards are not required to keep a list of visitors. Therefore, it would be the guards' word as to whether Irvin - or anyone else - visited the area.

By policy, guests who are on a resident's visitor list are waved through the gate. Residents are called when people who aren't on the list arrive.

Meanwhile, the woman's estranged 22-year-old husband told The Dallas Morning News that he doubts her story. The man, who was not identified, said she has twice falsely accused men of sexual assault without telling police.

"It seems very reasonable that she is making this up," he said. "She's very melodramatic. She accused me of doing this, and she accused her fiance before me of

doing this, so I don't know why she wouldn't do it again." The story gave no detail on what precisely the husband says she accused him of doing.

The man, who was separated from his wife in 1994 after two years of marriage, said she told him she met the players while working as a waitress and dancer at a Dallas topless club.

The husband said she briefly lived with two players and "would brag to me about living with the Cowboys."

Friends of the woman said she met the players while doing makeup for the Cowboys cheerleaders and she now works at a cosmetics counter in a mall.

The two friends, who asked not to be identified, have said they doubt she faked the report. They said they consoled the woman the morning after the reported rape, describing her as bruised, distraught and fearful.

The friends said she told them Monday morning that the men threatened to beat her if she didn't "act like she was having fun" during the alleged assault.

FPC schedules Nursing Entrance Test dates

BORGER - Frank Phillips College will be administering the Nursing Entrance Test from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 31 as well as Feb. 28, and March 21 at Frank Phillips College Classroom Learning Complex Building, Room CLC-36D.

Testing after March 21 will be by appointment, placing the applicant on the alternative status list.

Pre-registration is encouraged as space for each testing date is limited. A non-refundable fee of

\$15 is required. Call the Vocational Nursing Department at (806) 274-5311 ext. 45 or 1-800-687-2056 ext. 45 for additional registration information.

The Frank Phillips College Vocational Nursing program is a TASP waived certificate program. Students declaring this major are not subject to TASP regulations unless they enroll in a course outside the prescribed curriculum.

Students are also exempt from the TASP if they have earned at least three college-level credit

hours prior to Fall 1989. Applicants required to take the TASP test will need to do so by February so that the scores will be available by the Nursing program's application April 1, 1997, deadline. Students with passing TASP scores received after the deadline will be placed on the alternative status list.

Any questions concerning the TASP requirements or program requirements should be made directly to the Nursing Department at Frank Phillips College.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Partly cloudy tonight with a low in the mid 40s and southwesterly winds to 10 mph. Friday, partly sunny with a high near 70. Friday night, cloudy with a low near 40. Wednesday's high was 72; the overnight low was 47.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in upper 30s to mid 40s. Friday, partly sunny and cooler, with highs in mid 60s to near 70.

South Plains: Tonight, fair. Lows 40-45. Record high temperatures likely Friday. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs 75-80.

North Texas - Tonight and Friday, late night and morning clouds central and east.

Otherwise partly cloudy. Windy west and central on Friday. Lows 50 west to 60 southeast. Highs 76 to 83.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, fair skies with late night and morning fog. Lows in upper 50s, near 50 Hill Country. Friday, morning clouds and fog becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs near 80.

Upper Coast: Tonight, fair skies with late night and morning fog. Lows in low 60s inland to mid 60s coast. Friday, morning clouds and fog becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Breezy with highs near 80 inland to low 70s coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight,

mostly cloudy with late night and morning fog. Lows in mid 60s coast to low 60s inland.

Friday, morning clouds and fog becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Windy and warm with highs in upper 70s coast to mid 80s inland.

BORDER STATES
 New Mexico - Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and mountain snow showers north central and northwest, partly cloudy east and south. Lows upper 20s and 30s mountains with upper 30s and 40s elsewhere. Friday, cloudy north and west with a chance of showers and mountain snow showers, partly cloudy southeast. Highs 40s and 50s mountains and northwest with 60s and 70s east and south.

Oklahoma - Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows from mid 40s to low 50s. Friday, partly to mostly cloudy. Highs mainly in the 70s.

Texas ag industry adds billions to economy

Texas' number two industry, agriculture, is alive and adding billions of dollars to the Texas economy, according to annual farm facts released by the Texas Farm Bureau.

The Farm Bureau collected information from the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the USDA-Economic Research Service and the Texas Forest Service and produced some little known but economically advantageous facts.

The Texas Farm Bureau categorized agriculture products from all 50 states which were broken down into 19 categories, ranking amounts and dollar value of the goods.

For production amounts, nationwide Texas ranks first in five categories, second in two categories and third in two categories.

The 19 agricultural categories included all cattle and calves, broilers, citrus, corn, cotton, greenhouse plants, hay, hogs, milk oats, peanuts, pecans, rice, sheep and lambs, grain sorghum, timber, vegetables, winter wheat, and wool and mohair.

Texas produced 15 million head of cattle in 1995 which was valued at \$6.29 billion, followed at a distance by Nebraska cattle values of \$3.2 billion.

Cotton production in Texas netted \$1.6 billion with 4.5 million bales.

Texas also produced 1.65 million head of sheep and lambs valued at \$64 million while the wool and mohair industry accounted for 24.7 million pounds worth \$36.4 million dollars.

The state economy by adding \$59 million with the production of 75 million pounds of the tasty nut.

For hay, about 8.1 million tons brought in \$127 million and 5.41 million boxes of citrus fruits contributed \$28.5 million.

Other Texas agricultural products which did not make the national top three, but still made sizable impacts in the Texas economy, included as much as \$932 million from timber to as little as \$5.8 million from the 5 million bushels of oats.

Not only is Texas a leading ag producer, it also claims top honors of values of farm real estate, highest amount of cash receipts for livestock and products, highest number of farms and ranches, and highest ag-acreage.

City briefs

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CHRISTMAS BILLS - Did you spend too much for Christmas? Need temporary part-time help for Tax Return Preparation. Will train. Basic computer skills helpful. Call now 665-2033. Adv.

DERRICK CLUB - New Hours. Now open 7 days at 12 noon. Daily Beer Specials. Pool and Dart Tournaments going on now. For information call 665-9117. Happy New Year. Adv.

PAMPA BARGAIN Barn, 614 S. Cuyler, 665-3199. Jewel tea bowls, old plows, old iron wheels, machinist tools, antique banana boats. Adv.

MILTON AND Julie Cooke, original owners of Subway are back!! Stop in and see us! Adv.

LADIES NIGHT, Thursday night! The Landmark Club, helpful. Call now 665-2033. Adv.

ST. LAWRENCE String Quartet will play works of major composers at 2:30 Sunday, January 5, MK Brown Auditorium for Pampa Community Concert Association. Admission is by membership, and by agreement membership in Borger, Hereford and Plainview groups. Adv.

SEE PAMPA Hardware's 50% Discount Ad on Oneida Flatware, thru January 16th, 120 N. Cuyler, 669-2579. Adv.

INSIDE MOVING Sale: 1120 Rider in Tumbleweed Acres Trailer Park. Furniture, baby supplies, toys, knick knacks, all size clothes. Friday 8:30 a.m.-? Adv.

AFTER CHRISTMAS Sale continues through Saturday - 50% off. Other selected merchandise 30% off. Watson's Feed & Garden, Hwy. 60 E. Adv.

Clinton granted power of the pen frequently used by governors to save money

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the thick of budget negotiations with state lawmakers, Michigan Gov. John Engler once issued this threat: "If you go too far, just watch my pen," he warned, holding the instrument aloft.

Now President Clinton is the first U.S. president to have the same power — the ability to slash with the stroke of a pen budget line items in bills that are otherwise acceptable.

The new authority becomes available with the new year, but in reality Clinton won't be able to use it until Congress sends him the first budget bills in late spring or summer.

It's a power that many American governors have had for decades — a total of 44 at last count. They find it an effective tool to inject discipline into the legislative process and control state spending — although legislatures and Congress

can vote to override those decisions. In 1991, Republican governor Engler used his authority to veto specific dollar amounts in spending bills to eliminate a \$1.8 billion deficit.

"He struck money from virtually every department — all kinds of nickel and dime things," said Engler spokesman John Truscott.

Last June, Republican Gov. Christie Whitman used her line-item veto pen to cut \$112,000 for a three-person staff of the New Jersey Agent Orange Commission. It researches health issues for Vietnam veterans.

Lawmakers said the loss effectively killed the independent panel after 16 years. Whitman said the commission will continue, with the state veterans department handling its tasks instead. A spokesman said the panel's independent staff was a luxury taxpayers could no longer afford.

In Wisconsin, Republican Gov. Tommy Thompson has issued more than 1,500 vetoes — most line items — to stop \$850 million in tax and spending hikes.

"Our boss has been very aggressive in using it," said Kevin Keane, spokesman for Thompson.

Thompson used the veto often during his first term in 1987 against what he saw as excesses of a Democratic-controlled legislature, Keane said. Republicans were so delighted that one lawmaker gave Thompson a six foot yellow pencil, now on display in the governor's office.

"If you're serious about balancing the budget and controlling spending and taxes, it's essential for the executive branch to have that authority," Keane said.

Clinton has said the line-item veto will help cut "special-interest boondoggles, tax loopholes and pure pork" by increasing presidential discretion over spending. He's eager to use it, his aides say.

The way it works is the president would sign a spending bill and then act within five days to reject an item. He could not rewrite spending figures — only reject them entirely — but he could cancel spending for new entitlement programs or eliminate tax breaks benefiting groups of fewer than 100.

Congress then could pass a bill to reinstate the specific spending. And if the president vetoed that, a two-thirds vote in Congress would be required to override him and force the administration to spend the money.

Stanley Colander, a federal budget expert at Burson-Marsteller, a public relations agency, noted that the president's ability is limited compared to

governors who can reduce the size of a budget line item.

"For most states, the governor's line-item veto is more encompassing and gives them more discretion than the president's," he said.

Critics don't believe the line-item veto is all it's cracked up to be. Brian Roherty, executive director of the National Association of State Budget Officers, sees it as a club the executive branch may use in negotiations with lawmakers — but not particularly as a money-saving tool.

"If you have to use it, it's because you've lost in the negotiation process. You stand the chance of being overridden," he said. "Like the veto itself, it's best and most effective when it's not used."

Still, governors believe in the power of line-item veto.

Seven hostages freed in New Year's Day release

By JOSEPH B. FRAZIER
Associated Press Writer

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Seven smiling hostages walked from the Japanese ambassador's residence to freedom Wednesday, in a New Year's Day release that left 74 businessmen and political officials still held by leftist rebels.

After 15 days of captivity, the seven haggard hostages left the residence about 5:25 p.m. Most appeared to be Japanese or Peruvians of Japanese descent.

Roman Catholic Archbishop Juan Luis Cipriani, considered an important channel in negotiations between the rebels and the government, walked the ex-captives out of the residency compound and past a crowd of applauding journalists and onlookers to a waiting bus.

They were taken to a nearby police hospital for a medical examination, their bus escorted by motorcycle police.

It was the second release since Tuesday by rebels, who have been demanding the release of jailed comrades.

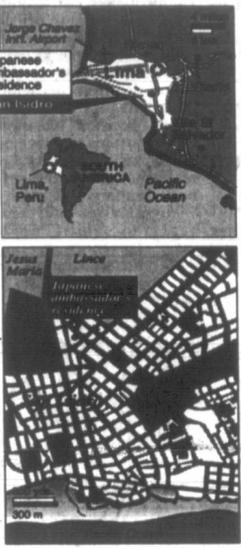
"On a day the Church is celebrating a universal day of peace, we see more of our brothers have gained their freedom," said Cipriani, who entered the compound shortly after noon.

He said he continues to pray for the release of the other hostages, calling the negotiations "a difficult road, but a road of peace."

Among those freed were Alberto Yamamoto, president of Peru's National Institute for Development, and Juan Assereto, an economic adviser to the government, the Red

Peru's hostage chronology

- Dec. 17: About 20 Tupac Amaru rebels seized more than 100 hostages at the Japanese ambassador's residence. Later, they release the women.
- Dec. 18: Rebels threaten to kill hostages unless the government releases jailed comrades. Guerrillas later release ambassadors of Germany, Canada and Greece and a Peruvian diplomat.
- Dec. 19: The International Red Cross is designated as intermediary between rebels and government. Three hostages are released.
- Dec. 20: Rebels free 38 hostages, including ambassadors of Brazil, South Korea and Egypt.
- Dec. 21: Rebels make more demands, including changes in government's economic policy to benefit the poor. Fujimori refuses to cede to their demands.
- Dec. 22: Rebels free 225 hostages, including diplomats from Austria, Cuba, Venezuela, Panama, Spain and the United States.
- Dec. 24: Uruguay's ambassador is released after his country frees two Tupac Amaru rebels held there. Peru recalls top envoy in Montevideo in protest.
- Dec. 25: Remaining hostages celebrate Christmas Mass.
- Dec. 26: Guatemala's ambassador freed.
- Dec. 27: Fujimori declares 90-day state of emergency in Lima.
- Dec. 28: Government negotiator meets with rebels who later release 20 hostages. Red Cross says 83 hostages remain.
- Dec. 29: Rebels permit hostages to exchange messages with families and friends via the Red Cross.
- Dec. 31: Rebels release diplomats from Argentina and Honduras, leaving 81 hostages.
- Jan. 1, 1997: Rebels release seven more hostages, leaving 74 captives inside the embassy residence.



(Source: AP Research)

Cross said in a statement.

A smiling and waving Assereto shouted from the bus that he was "happy, happy" and was feeling "very good, very good," in response to questions from reporters.

The hostages had spent New Year's Eve in the darkened, garbage-filled Japanese ambassador's residence. They attended Mass by candlelight and dined on Japanese salmon, sushi and fruit sent in by the Red Cross.

Around noon Wednesday,

Cipriani entered the residence with a Red Cross worker who appeared to carry a guitar. It is widely believed that Cipriani, a close friend of President Alberto Fujimori, has a role in the negotiations, but he has insisted his visits are pastoral.

Outside, policemen in bullet-proof vests stood guard with automatic rifles. Nearby, there was a peaceful demonstration of about 500 marchers carrying pro-Fujimori and pro-hostage signs. It was one of several recent

demonstrations in various Peruvian favoring the government.

It has been more than two weeks since rebels of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement raided a party at the ambassador's house and seized more than 500 guests — most of them businessmen, ambassadors, journalists and other political officials.

Almost immediately the rebels began releasing hostages, including all the women in the first few hours. Subsequent releases have left the 20 or so rebels with a more manageable number of captives. Two hostages were freed Tuesday.

Japanese Ambassador Morihsa Aoki, who is among the remaining hostages, accepted at least partial responsibility for the takeover, apparently referring to low levels of security during the Dec. 17 party.

"It was due to my lack of discretion that this kind of incident occurred," Aoki said Tuesday in an interview with journalists allowed inside the compound. "I feel that I must deeply apologize to the Japanese people and government."

There were hopes the crisis would be resolved soon, when rebels released 20 hostages Saturday after their first face-to-face meeting with the government's negotiator.

The rebels had appeared to back off of their demand that the government free some 300 jailed rebels. But Tupac Amaru leaders revived that demand Tuesday during their first meeting with journalists since the crisis started.

Forest Service fees too low, congressional auditors say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Looking for a vacation bargain? Try a lakefront cabin in a national forest.

A lot along Minnesota's Lake Winnibigoshish can be had for a fee of \$355 a year, less than a third of what it should be, according to congressional auditors who say people are being charged too little to use national forests.

The Forest Service, which charges fees for cabin sites and commercial operations like marinas and guide services, doesn't even recover the cost of handling the permits, according to a new report by the General Accounting Office.

Fees for cabin lots are based on appraisals done in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Fees for commercial operations are based on a system that hasn't been updated in nearly 30 years, GAO said.

Similar criticisms have been leveled at other fees charged by the Forest Service and the National Park Service, which in the next few months is phrasing in sharp increases in fees for entry and various services.

"You see across the board the charges that the government imposes are usually much lower than what you're going to see from the private sector or even state governments," said Jerome Uher, a spokesman for the National Parks and Conservation Association.

The Forest Service collected \$367 million in recreation fees in 1994, the latest year for which the total was available.

Marinas and other commercial operators in national forests usually are charged less than three percent of their gross sales, while

fees on state-held land are typically five percent to 15 percent of gross sales, according to the GAO, which is the investigative arm of Congress.

In Colorado, for example, marina operators pay fees of seven percent on state land and 2.8 percent in national forests.

For cabins, the Forest Service fee is set at five percent of the land's appraised value and then increased each year according to the Consumer Price Index, an estimate of the cost of living. Those increases haven't kept pace with the rise in land values, GAO said.

Along Lake Winnibigoshish in the Chippewa National Forest, a typical lot is appraised at \$3,900. That's \$18,400 less than what county assessors estimate it is worth, the GAO said. Based on the county estimate, the annual fee would be \$1,115, not the \$355 charged by the Forest Service.

Forest Service officials agree that the fees are too low. "They're not up to date because they're based on appraisals done 20 years ago," said Kevin Heikkila, a realty specialist for the Chippewa National Forest.

The forest's 290 cabin sites are scheduled to be reappraised this year. New appraisals were issued in 1988, but they were dropped after the cabin owners appealed, Heikkila said.

The Forest Service has little incentive to keep the fees more up to date, because the agency can't keep the additional money to cover the extra workload, GAO said.

Two dead in celebratory-inspired gunfire

HOUSTON (AP) — A seven-year-old girl and a Houston man were killed by guns fired to mark the New Year's arrival, authorities say.

Both shootings came shortly after midnight.

Mary Farmer was struck in the chest with a bullet fired from a gun that had jammed while her father was in their back yard firing it to celebrate the arrival of 1997.

Randy Farmer told authorities that the automatic handgun jammed after he had fired several shots and he was walking back into the house to clear the weapon when it fired, striking his daughter in the chest.

Bambi Farmer, the girl's moth-

er, said, "He just walked into the house and it went off."

As detectives investigated the scene of the fatal shooting and interviewed witnesses, sporadic gunfire could be heard from other revelers.

"It's a pretty ridiculous custom," said Harris County sheriff's Detective Bill Valerio of New Year's gunfire. "The bullet comes down with the same velocity it goes up."

Bambi Farmer said she was shocked that her husband was taken to jail after the accidental shooting. Randy Farmer was being held Wednesday night in lieu of \$2,000 bond on a charge of criminally negligent homicide.

Caretaker government launches corruption crackdown

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — In the first major crackdown on corruption since Benazir Bhutto's government left power in disgrace, police swarmed through two provinces today raiding the homes of wealthy Pakistanis.

Four people were arrested, including Ms. Bhutto's father-in-law.

"They came in after midnight," said Munawar Talpur, Zardari's son-in-law. "They didn't have a warrant or anything. They just took him away." Under Pakistani law, police do not need a warrant to search a home.

Hakim Ali Zardari, the father of Ms. Bhutto's husband, was

arrested early today at his home in southern Karachi. He was charged with income tax evasion and bank fraud, Sethi said.

"They came in after midnight," said Munawar Talpur, Zardari's son-in-law. "They didn't have a warrant or anything. They just took him away." Under Pakistani law, police do not need a warrant to search a home.

Zardari was taken to a jail a few miles from where his son, Asif, is being held. Asif Ali Zardari has been in jail since his wife's government was sacked Nov. 5. He is charged with murder in connection with the shooting death of Ms. Bhutto's brother and political rival, Murtaga.

Also arrested on fraud charges today was the once-powerful provincial secretary of Punjab state, Aslam Qureshi.

According to news reports, several other prominent officials in the former government and in the opposition were being sought for questioning.

Libya sentences eight to death for spying

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Libya has sentenced six military officers and two civilians to death for spying, calling them "tools of the enemies of the revolution" and alleging they used equipment from the CIA.

But Libyan experts in Cairo said they believed the sentences were related not to espionage but to a 1993 coup attempt never been publicly acknowledged by Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi.

The sentences were issued Wednesday by the Supreme Military Court. The officers were to be executed by firing squad and the civilians by hanging. Libya's state-run television said six other officers and two civilians were acquitted.

The television, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corp., showed an unidentified official in civilian clothes reading a statement to the court after the sentences had been given.

Swiss drop diplomacy regarding Jewish compensation

GENEVA (AP) — In a sudden departure from its usual diplo-

macy and discretion, the Swiss government has dismissed as "blackmail" demands for a compensation fund to help Jews who lost assets in the Holocaust.

The remarks by outgoing President Jean-Fascal Delamuraz caused outrage among Jewish groups. And they are likely to wreck Switzerland's painstaking efforts to repair its tarnished image in the United States.

Even Swiss Jewish groups, which have been less vocal than their U.S. counterparts, were shocked. In a statement today, the Swiss-Israeli Community said it was "amazed" at Delamuraz remarks.

"The Jewish community feels deeply hurt and finds the remarks are an insult to the victims of the Holocaust," said spokesman Martin Rosenfeld.

But government officials stood by Delamuraz.

"The statements of Mr. Delamuraz clearly reflected the view of the Cabinet," spokesman Yves Seydoux said Wednesday. "He merely expressed in stronger terms what has already been said."

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The Keating 'jive' over freedom ...

"He's an innocent man now. He hasn't been convicted of anything."

Stephen C. Neal, Charles Keating Jr.'s defense attorney, is technically correct. A judge threw out Keating's 1993 federal convictions for looting Lincoln Saving and Loan and giving investors a dry cleaning. But the court's action, based on a procedural glitch jurors had improperly found out about an earlier state-court conviction — doesn't absolve Keating of the recklessness and ethical shabbiness that led to his S&Ls crack-up and the trauma for thousands who had entrusted their savings to it.

And despite the ruling, Keating remains a scandalous icon and the Lincoln case still "epitomizes the savings and loan catastrophe" of the 1980s, as William K. Black, former general counsel of the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, put it in congressional testimony a few years ago.

That catastrophe sprang from a combustible mix: Washington's far-reaching deregulation in the early '80s, a tax funded safety net in the form of increased federal deposit insurance — backing even hair-raising loans — and the untroubled consciences of S&L cowboys who saw a chance to walk on the wild side at somebody else's risk.

Keating went to the roulette tables with some of the era's most daredevilish strategies. For instance, there was the acquisition, development and construction ("ADC") loan. ADCs were usually made to developers of large commercial projects — with no down payment required, and no principal due for up to five years. Frequently these were highly speculative ventures, with no one committed to buy the project once it was constructed.

Internal safeguards were often nonexistent, William Black testified. "Hundreds of such loans were made with no loan application, with no credit checks, with no appraisal or feasibility study ... with no personal guarantee." Lincoln, he added, had "about the worst underwriting of any thrift" in the western United States.

Keating and his associates were equally cavalier toward the unsuspecting people who helped with financing. A memo to employees who hawked Keating's uninsured bonds elevated cynicism to art form: "Remember that the weak, meek and ignorant are always good targets ..."

Eventually, 15,000 "targets" — many elderly — paid as much as \$250 million for those bonds, which ended up less valuable than Confederate money.

Among the others taken down by the scandal, in one way or another, were at least a couple of the "Keating Five" senators who pressured regulators to go easy on their patron. California's Sen. Alan Cranston, for instance, ended his long congressional career in disgrace.

The regulatory adjustments since Keating's kingdom imploded have been impressive, says Norman Katz of MCS Associates in Irvine, Calif. Among the changes: More stringent requirements on the capital held by S&Ls, more sophisticated oversight of institutional procedures as well as portfolios, and insurance rates keyed to portfolio's level of risk. A libertarian perspective would argue for an even more dramatic shift in that latter category going with private insurers, who would have a profit motive to monitor their clients' investments and to charge the more aggressive investors stiffer fees.

But in any case, "the regulatory changes and implementation have done the essential reforming that was needed to deal with the weaknesses that led to the S&L failures of the '80s," says Katz.

The whole episode is a reminder that free markets cannot function, they can't raise the capital that is the oxygen of a dynamic society, unless the investing public has confidence in them. A sturdy protection against fraud, therefore, is one of the legitimate functions of intelligent regulation.

So no matter what eventually happens to Keating in court, his abuses are being avenged in the larger sense by reform of the system that gave them birth — and killed so many dreams in the process.

A bear market for dictators

Does the Endangered Species Act have any room for people on the verge of extinction? If so, the Environmental Protection Agency should move to prevent the disappearance of the world's dictators, who have gotten as scarce as snail darters. Not long ago, the budding of democracy that began in the late 1980s looked like it might have been a false spring. Today, the flowers are in full bloom.

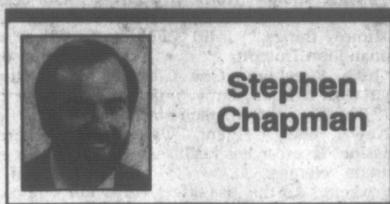
Authoritarian rule has proven to be the political equivalent of the Buffalo Bills — returning again and again, but only to be routed. It's a measure of our progress that we now take for granted the survival of democracy in Russia, which for most of this century was merely the greatest enemy of democracy ever seen.

So solid is Russia's experiment in popular rule that its newly re-elected president, Boris Yeltsin, could take six months off for health reasons without throwing his country into turmoil — something that couldn't be done by the president of, say, the United States.

Apologists for authoritarianism have an increasingly hard time trying to dismiss freedom and democracy as a Western fetish alien to the traditions and tastes of people in Asia, or Africa, or Latin America — all of whom, it turns out, feel an odd attraction to helping decide how they are governed. Like the Dow Jones industrial average, democracy set new records in 1996.

According to the New York based human rights organization Freedom House, 1996 brought the number of democracies in the world to an all time high of 118, out of 191 countries. Nearly 55% of the people on Earth now live under governments they cannot blame on anyone but themselves. Liberty has advanced in step with democracy. In 1996, 135 million more people lived in free societies than the year before.

Of those who don't, most have the misfortune



Stephen Chapman

of living in China, whose leaders persist in the risible hope that they can permanently combine a capitalist economic order with an undemocratic polity. The Beijing government declined to learn from capitalist Taiwan, where Lee Ten-hui became the first president ever elected by the people.

Its willful ignorance is no comfort to the people of Hong Kong, who, next July 1, will migrate from one of the world's freest societies to one of its least free. Starving North Korea continued its selfless efforts to make sure the world does not forget the bankruptcy, literal and figurative, of communism.

So did Fidel Castro, one of the Western Hemisphere's last strongmen. When he attended the annual summit of Latin American nations, he had to hear lectures on the value of democracy not only from the elected president of Chile — once infamous for General Augusto Pinochet's tyranny — but also from the widow of the Marxist president, Salvador Allende, killed in Pinochet's 1973 coup. Former Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega got his message on human rights from the voters, who voted him out in 1990 and heartily reaffirmed that judgment when he staged a comeback campaign this year.

Yugoslavians delivered a similarly unflattering verdict to Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic,

who allowed municipal elections and then discovered why despots generally avoid such exercises: Because they lose. This followed September's internationally supervised elections in Bosnia, in which the number of ballots cast somehow exceeded the number of voters.

New evidence emerged that if you're dying of terminal disease, you should move to Romania because everything happens there later. After overthrowing their communist dictator in 1989, Romanians finally elected a noncommunist government last month.

If you want to turn back the clock, though, you should go to Afghanistan, whose new militant Islamic rulers are one of the great successes of the 14th century. India held the biggest democratic election in history when it chose a new parliament.

Africa, which had benefited from a wave of democratization in recent years, continued to suffer from a wave of military coups. Those arguably were the least of its troubles — the greatest being the humanitarian disaster of 1.2 million refugees produced by ethnic strife in Zaire, Rwanda and Burundi.

South Africa, once the continent's disgrace, completed the task of dismantling the apartheid system when a freely elected and multiracial constitutional assembly approved a new constitution. It stood as a rebuke to Zimbabwe, nee Rhodesia, which in 1979 scrapped an undemocratic white government and now enjoys an undemocratic black government.

Zimbabweans and other victims of despotism have the consolation of knowing that undemocratic governments do not have a long life expectancy at this moment. Maybe the United Nations should establish a program to retrain the world's dictators for other occupations. In 1996, they were reminded that their skills, once widely employed, are no longer in much demand.



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Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Jan. 2, the second day of 1997. There are 363 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 2, 1900, Secretary of State John Hay announced the "Open Door Policy" to facilitate trade with China.

On this date: In 1492, the leader of the last Arab stronghold in Spain surrendered to Spanish forces loyal to King Ferdinand II and Queen Isabella I.

In 1788, Georgia became the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1929, the United States and Canada reached agreement on joint action to preserve Niagara Falls.

In 1935, Bruno Hauptmann went on trial in Flemington, N.J., on charges of kidnapping and murdering the infant son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. Hauptmann was found guilty, and executed.

In 1942, the Philippine capital of Manila was captured by Japanese forces during World War II.

The best we can give is our time

Charley Reese

One of the best gifts parents can give their children isn't on sale and can't be found in stores. Yet it is the most precious thing any human being can have.

It's time. To a child, time equals love, and children want the love of their parents more than anything, especially during the formative years from birth to seven.

A friend of mine once taught American history at an expensive private school to sixth graders. One day, during a discussion of the Great Depression, she was startled when one of the children said he hoped the United States would have another depression. Several piped up in agreement.

When she probed the children with questions, she found out why. At the time, *The Waltons*, a series about a Depression-era family, was on network television.

"If we had a depression," the kids said, "then perhaps our parents would spend more time with us, like they do on *The Waltons*."

It turned out that most of these children from affluent families had every toy and gadget you could imagine, but their parents were busy people — making all that money, doing all their community chores, I suppose — and didn't have much time for the children. Money and the stuff it can buy, however, are not a substitute for time.

Children seem to understand intuitively the true nature of time. Searching my memory of Christmases past, I cannot remember any particu-

lar gift, but I have vivid memories of going with my father to a forest to find and cut a Christmas tree. The stuff under all those trees is forgotten, but the time spent with family remains.

Time is God's currency. One way to think of it is, that when we are born, God opens an account for us and credits us with a finite amount of time. We rarely know the "account balance."

How we spend this time determines our life. We are free to spend it as we please — but there are no refunds, no exchanges, no second chances. Once an hour of life is gone, it is gone forever. If we decide later that what we spent our hour on isn't worth it, it's too late. The phrase "a wasted life" can be all too accurate.

Since time is so valuable, you can tell a lot about people's values and priorities by watching how they spend their time. All human beings have the same 24-hour day, so they have to make choices, and it is out of these choices that we construct our lives. So time equals life equals love. It's hard to convince children with whom you spend no time that you love them.

I know many of us are not completely free in determining how we spend our time. We have to work. We get encumbered with obligations. But

even if we are free only at the margins of our days, we ought to think carefully how we spend those hours. We ought to think carefully before undertaking obligations. We ought to think carefully about the expenditure of time in making what kinds of work we choose.

Other people will spend our lives for their own purposes if we let them. They will enlist or recruit us to accomplish their objectives. That's how the world works. They are not bad people because they do that. It is up to us to decide, when someone asks us for our time — which is our life — if it is worth the expenditure.

I had a colleague once who came to work promptly on time and left just as promptly. He refused to stay longer because it took time away from his family and to him, family was more important than the job. It cost him a promotion, but he didn't care.

I choose not to play golf because I wasn't willing to spend five to eight hours away from my children on the weekends when they were young. Like everyone else, there are some expenditures of time I regret, but I do not regret one minute I spent with my children. Frankly, I've never found any company I prefer more than theirs.

It pays to remember that we do not know how much time is left in our account. We do know that the amount is continuously decreasing and that the account eventually will be closed.

Spend time wisely and have a joyous New Year.

Berry's World



"I said 'Happy New Year.' Want to make something out of it?"

Fruitcakes are no laughing matter

One thing I learned when I started the Fruitcake Defense League last year is that, despite all the fruitcake jokes, a lot of people don't think fruitcakes are a laughing matter.

Many of the people who wrote in thought I was making fun of fruitcake. No, no, no. I was expressing my disgust with the comedians and columnists who joke about this holiday tradition. I was manning the bulwarks for this noble confection, this proud descendant of the English plum cake and French gateau de rois and the Crusaders' catapult missiles. (Just testing you, there.)

I recently ate a piece of fruitcake in public, OK? Does that not establish my bona fides? What I thought the FDL would do this year, in addition to sponsoring fruitcake libel laws and signing petitions, is set up a truth center and hot line for disputing falsehoods and spreading the gospel about fruitcakes. From cards, letters and conversations, here are some questions that concern you, and my meticulously researched responses:

Question: Is it true that a gigantic "fruitcake sculpture" has been on display this year in San Francisco?

Answer: Yes. The artist used 450 pounds of flour, 2,380 pounds of fruits and nuts, 850 pounds of sugar and 21 gallons of brandy to make 750 bricks of fruitcake, which he then wrapped in tin. He named the 2.5-ton creation "Tin Wall/Dark Matter."

Q: I've heard about a fruitcake recipe that is so simple it only has five ingredients and three steps. Can you find it?

A: You are probably referring to a recipe in a



Joseph Spear

book called *Classic Home Desserts*, by Richard Sax. The ingredients: 15 cups of flour, red things, green things, syrup, glue. To prepare: Mix the ingredients, spray with lacquer and bake.

Q: How old is the wedding fruitcake on display at the Grover Cleveland birthplace in Caldwell, N.J.?

A: President Cleveland was married in the White House on June 2, 1886. The fruitcake is thus 110 years old.

Q: I can't believe that all the fruitcake baked in a given year is really eaten. What do people do with it?

A: My own survey indicates that about a third of it is eaten. Another third is given away, some is fed to birds, some gets moved to the back of the freezer and is never seen again. In the average household of actual eaters, the last piece of holiday fruitcake is consumed on June 14.

Q: I've heard of a man who started a home for abandoned fruitcakes. Can you find out the details?

A: He is the food editor at a Colorado newspaper, who two years ago started an organization to place unwanted fruitcakes with loving families. Unwelcomed fruitcakes were solicited; potential adopters were asked to write. The project got such a great response that he had to abandon it, but he urges all fruitcake lovers to start local exchange programs.

Q: I hear the Department of Defense buys thousands of pounds of fruitcake for the troops every year.

A: True. And like so many civilians, the brass hats have a surplus problem. My sources say a secret task force is currently surveying underground disposal sites in Nevada.

Q: Is it safe to drop off your uneaten fruitcake at fruitcake recycling centers? I've heard there are unscrupulous entrepreneurs out there who have been ripping them off.

A: When you take your fruitcake to a recycling center, be sure it is sponsored by a legitimate charity. I have heard of fly-by-night hustlers who are profiting like crazy from recycled fruitcakes. Among the products being made from fruitcake are doorstops, lawn ornaments, trivets, paperweights and shotpots.

I heard one guy is boxing up pieces with little pop-in-eyes, ears and noses and calling them fruitcake heads. Another is soaking fruitcake in kerosene and selling it as fireplace logs. Another is painting graffiti on fruitcake and pounding it into chunks and peddling it as pieces of the Berlin Wall.

Just be careful with your leftovers, OK?

Rule forbids dumping into Galveston Bay

HOUSTON (AP) — A new federal rule that bars oil and gas producers from dumping wastewater in Galveston Bay has some companies and state regulators upset.

Producers operating along the Texas Gulf Coast have long discharged the fouled water into the bay and other bodies of salt water. The water is used to increase pressure in the wells and improve production.

But Wednesday, an Environmental Protection Agency regulation took effect which requires companies to re-inject the wastewater back into the oil and gas wells, a more expensive practice.

Texas Railroad Commission officials said about 50 oil and gas producers that operate 877 onshore wells along the Gulf Coast are affected by the new rule.

The producers and Railroad Commission officials are upset because they thought the EPA had agreed to let Texas issue special permits to producers whose wastewater met state water quality standards. The permits would allow those producers to continue discharging the brine.

Using funds provided by the federal government, commission officials reviewed 109 different applications to continue dumping wastewater and rejected 26.

But EPA officials opted to stick with the original regulation, citing concerns that the wastewater adds to the salinity of local salt water bodies.

"They reneged," Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson was quoted as saying in Wednesday editions of the *Houston Chronicle*. "They broke the deal."

The Railroad Commission held a hearing Dec. 20, and some held out hope the federal regulators would relent. The Railroad Commission asked the EPA to issue special permits by Jan. 15 to operators to continue the discharge practice.

But those hopes were dashed Tuesday, when the EPA's Samuel Coleman sent a draft letter to the Railroad Commission. Coleman said the agency could issue special permits only to operators who could demonstrate they are significantly different from other companies.

"None of the permit applications prepared by the Railroad Commission included information sufficient to support such a finding," Coleman wrote.

The EPA, however, has granted most of the operators' extensions — ranging from five months to two years — to comply with the new rule.

Williamson had argued the EPA should "let Texans regulate Texas."



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Bill and Sue Thomas, left, visit with new owners Shaun and Jennie Hon at Thomas Automotive Tuesday afternoon. The Thomases are relocating to Brownwood, and the Hons are taking over the operation of the automotive repair shop.

Thomas Automotive founders to relocate, receive going away reception on final day

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

After 20 years of owning and operating Thomas Automotive at 217 E. Atchison, Bill and Sue Thomas are relocating to the Brownwood, Texas area.

A special reception was held in the office of the service garage for the Thomases Tuesday from 4-5 p.m. their final day at the automotive shop.

"Our plans are to be active in the community there for five to ten years before retiring permanently to our home on Lake Brownwood," Mrs. Thomas said.

Mrs. Thomas has accepted a transfer position with the Department of Human Services, she said. After husband Bill has completed all his business transactions in Pampa, he will join her in Brownwood and will look for

new beginnings in Brownwood employment. Their children, Christy and Bill, will join them in the area, attending schools in the Central Texas area.

"We are very excited about our new home and friends; however, we will really miss everyone here in Pampa and the surrounding area," Mrs. Thomas said.

"It has been wonderful to be in business here in Pampa; however, it will be a good change for us, a good change for the community with the new owners, and a good change for Shaun, too," Mr. Thomas said, expressing his appreciation to customers and friends who were gathered around to give their farewell and good wishes.

Shaun Hon has worked with Thomas for over 10 years. He and his wife, Jennie, who is also a certified public accountant with the

Hochst Celanese Pampa Plant, are the new owners of Thomas Automotive. They agree it is an exciting venture for them.

"We will continue the same quality of service and honesty in business that the shop has been noted for throughout its business history," Mrs. Hon said.

Hon said the shop employees will be the same and will offer the same courtesies their customers expect. His said Steve Beckham, mechanic, who has been with the company for several years, will still be dependable for their customers, and Edetta Grange, office manager, will still take care of customer service.

Recreational tracts in demand as farmland moves slowly

HOUSTON (AP) — The market for Texas ranch land is continuing to strengthen, with prices rebounding from early-1990s lows and booming interest in property for hunting and other non-agricultural uses.

The land bank association in Devine, southwest of San Antonio, is doing a lively business financing 10-acre parcels of ruggedly attractive land for people who want to live in a rural setting and commute to work.

Rick Rothe, chief executive officer of Devine's Federal Land Bank Association, said doctors and lawyers and big-city business owners are buying ranch-size tracts of 500 acres and larger.

Overall, the Farm Credit Bank of Texas reports the strongest demand for new rural property loans since 1981. The bank, whose Federal Land Bank Associations are the single largest source of credit for land purchases in the state, expects to set a record volume in new loans for rural properties in 1996.

Charles Gilliland, a Texas A&M University research economist specializing in land, calls this an "active, up market, possibly more favorable than anything seen since the 1970s."

"Anything that is realistically priced will sell immediately," says Hondo real estate agent Bob Heyen, whose office is in the town of 6,217 on U.S. 90 heading west beyond San Antonio.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1995 charted a seven percent increase in the value of farm real estate nationwide, compared with 6.4 percent gains in both 1994 and 1993.

For Texas, the agency showed an average value of \$566 per acre, up from \$550 in 1995 and \$522 in 1994. The value had declined continuously from 1989 to 1992.

The lure of this property is deer with big horns, large populations of quail and doves.

Prices have still not completely recovered from the drought of 1996, which brought with it record low prices for cattle.

Snow, rain result in flood conditions for Northwest

GUERNEVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Rain and melting snow pushed rivers out of their banks across the Northwest today, forcing hundreds of people from their homes.

But for the first time in more than a week of storms that have caused at least 14 deaths in Oregon and Washington and millions of dollars of damage in five states, forecasters said drier weather was on the way. The rain was expected to taper off across much of the Pacific Northwest by Saturday.

More than 40 counties in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho and Nevada have been declared disaster areas because of damage from flooding, rain and snow. Three climbers were missing today on Mount Shasta in northeastern California.

In Napa, the heart of California's wine country, residents watched the Napa River rise to four feet above flood level Wednesday, but only minor damage was reported. More than 100 people were asked to evacuate.

Near Guerneville, about 70 miles north of San Francisco, the muddy Russian River rose Wednesday evening to nearly 45 feet, 13 feet above flood stage. As it churned past town, it carried tree limbs, old tires, shopping carts, a beer keg and bobbing propane tanks.

"I'm losing it all," Ron Jones murmured as he watched the river engulf his home. "It's like we're standing here on a cruise ship," Maureen Weinstein said, watching the surging water just beneath her feet on the Guerneville Bridge.

Up to seven inches of rain around Reno, Nev., caused the worst flooding in the city in more than 40 years. Dozens of homes and businesses were flooded by the Truckee River and hundreds of people were evacuated.

"I flew over it by helicopter and I'll tell you that the damage will be substantial," Washoe County Sheriff Dick Kirkland said. "It'll be in the millions of dollars before it's over."

Gov. Bob Miller shut down state government offices today in Reno and Carson City.

Farther north, record warmth swelled rivers and caused dangerous mudslides in Washington and Oregon, where the Army Corps of Engineers used dams in the Willamette River system to hold back floodwaters. The Lost Creek and Applegate dams in southern Oregon were so full that water releases were boosted.

"This is certainly the largest flood to hit this area since those dams were completed," said Dick Cassidy, chief of water regulation for the corps in Portland.

Only the major flood in 1964 was considered worse by Cassidy and many homeowners along southern Oregon's Rogue River. In Grants Pass, Ore., Bill Long had a couple of feet of water in the basement of his home, which sits at the edge of the river.

"It's a mess," he said. "Sandbags don't help when the river comes up this high."

A ground search for three hikers who left Friday for Mount Index near Stevens Pass in Washington was called off late Wednesday because of danger from unstable snow.

An additional 25 homes were evacuated in Seattle's Magnolia Bluff, hard-hit by mudslides. Eighteen homes and a downtown apartment building were evacuated Tuesday, while a gas station in the suburbs collapsed into a sinkhole.

In Gled, Wash., more than 100 residents were evacuated when a warehouse collapsed under heavy snow, releasing a cloud of ammonia. No one was hurt.

Wanted: One stuffed bear

EL PASO (AP) — A dad whose daughter is distraught over the disappearance of her beloved stuffed bear has posted a \$250 reward for the toy's safe return.

Seven-year-old Ashley Stockton says life has been unbearable since "Bear Bear" vanished Dec. 26 at El Paso International Airport as her family returned from visiting relatives in Lubbock.

"I just want Bear Bear back, please," Ashley told the *El Paso Times*. "I miss snuggling with her, and it's scary to sleep without holding her ... I tried to close my eyes and sleep, but I couldn't. It was so hard."

Ashley's father, Larry Stockton, said he's going through extraordinary lengths to find the bear his daughter has had her whole life. He has placed classified ads in El Paso newspapers and has contacted television stations and a billboard company.

"We've been chasing every possibility because this is emotional for us, too," Stockton said.

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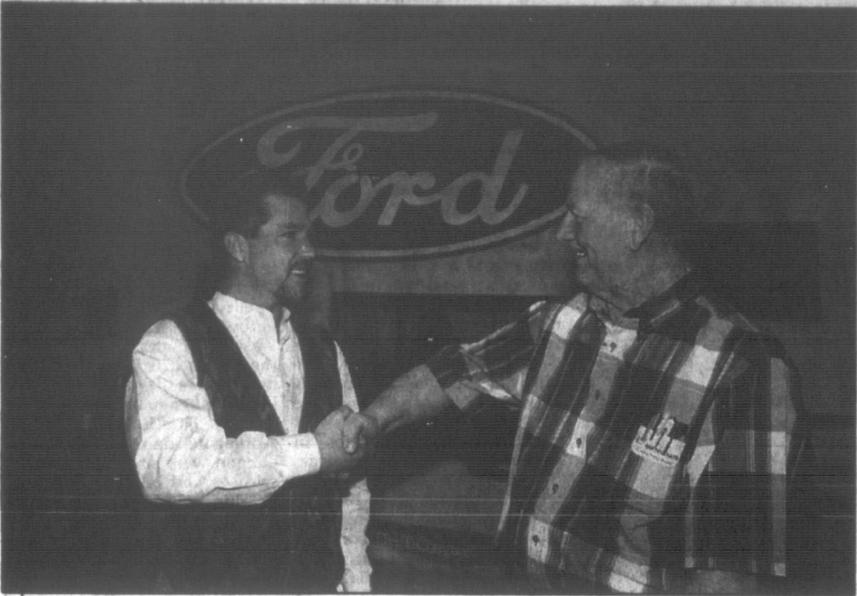
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West Texas Ford dealer and owner Robert Knowles, left, congratulates W.L. 'Dub' Norton on his retirement after 33 years of work in Pampa auto dealerships.

Longtime West Texas Ford employee honored by co-workers with reception

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

W.L. "Dub" Norton was surprised in his going-away reception Tuesday after work, when fellow co-workers and West Texas Ford dealer and owner Robert Knowles called him to come into the reception room to talk with a customer.

Tuesday was his last day at work, it was after 5 p.m. and he was ready to go home.

Norton has served in a Ford parts department either in Oklahoma or in Texas since the 1950s. He worked in Mangum and Altus, Okla. for Ford dealerships, before he and his wife moved to Texas, when he joined the Bob Johnson Motor Co. of Borger in 1954. He has served the local Ford dealership since he and his wife, Rhonda, moved to Pampa in 1963.

Although he is retiring as parts manager for Robert Knowles, the present owner, during these

33 years in Pampa, he has worked under five other dealerships in the same location, at 701 Brown Street.

He has provided labor and mechanic talents on Ford vehicles and other models brought to him for Harold Barrett of Barrett Ford Co.; Bill Harris and Pete Burton of Heritage Ford; Caroline Hayden of Pampa Ford; Val Cervantes of Gray County Ford; and Knowles - West Texas Ford.

For his immediate plans, Norton will "get caught up on some needed house work" and will take more time to get to know his grandchildren and work on life's adjustments, he said. Norton also enjoys his projects and activities of The Carpenter's Church, where he and Rhonda are members.

Norton's family includes his daughter, Debbie Carr and her husband, Jim; a son, Grant Norton and his wife, Rhonda; and grandchildren Dana, Kresha and Tre Norton and Tyler Carr.

Man credits library for turning life around

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Brokenhearted over a woman, Johnny Jay Johnson spent all his money on a bus ticket from Virginia and rolled into town five years ago in tears, planning to kill himself.

Today, the 40-year-old married salesman owns a two-bedroom house, invests at a brokerage house and preaches positive thinking and self-discipline, sounding not unlike the speakers on motivational tapes he listens to daily. He's confident he'll reach his goal of having \$2 million by the time he's 54.

While Johnson sought help from counselors and a homeless shelter, he says he regained his will to live at the Free Library of Philadelphia, where a librarian helped him find books on investing and self-help that turned his life around.

"If it wasn't for the library, God knows where I'd be right now," said Johnson, a talkative man who sells cleaning additives for septic systems, making about \$570 in a good week.

Five years ago, Johnson was forced to quit a retail sales job in Virginia because he would cry at work over his breakup. He stopped eating, lived on Gatorade and worked as a dishwasher. He spent his free time trying to kill himself.

First, he stood in a Kmart and selected a rifle by putting it in his mouth. When he tried to use it later, it jammed. Then he bought some rope and tried to hang himself from a tree, but the branch snapped and hit him in the head.

He decided to catch a bus from Norfolk, Va., to a faraway city, thinking he'd be more successful at suicide elsewhere. A

bus to Philadelphia was sitting outside the station, so he spent his last \$18 on the ticket.

Soon, he was on Philadelphia streets, eating at church soup kitchens. He spent six months in a homeless shelter.

He first visited the library in the neighborhood where he got meals at churches. Sandra Owens, the head librarian at the time, said Johnson was different from the other homeless people.

"There's always homeless that come in all the time ... but I really think it's more to pass the time, either to get out of the weather or they have nowhere else to go," she said. "But he used his time. That's unusual."

Johnson's transformation included therapy and job-skill lessons, welfare, mental jobs and help from the St. Barnabas Mission for the Homeless, near the home he now owns.

Elizabeth Dole to return to job at Red Cross

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elizabeth Dole returns today to her \$200,000-a-year job as president of the American Red Cross and says she can't wait to tackle the many challenges awaiting the country's best known disaster relief agency.

"Coming back to the Red Cross is like coming home," she said in a statement, adding that she considers working there something more than a job. "For me the Red Cross is a mission field and it's great to be back."

Mrs. Dole took a 14-month leave of absence from the Red

Cross to help in her husband Bob Dole's unsuccessful presidential campaign and has said all along that she planned to return.

Although there has been speculation that Mrs. Dole, who held Cabinet positions in both the Reagan and Bush administrations, might one day herself run for political office, she repeatedly has said she wanted foremost to return to the Red Cross.

She was widely seen as one of her husband's greatest assets during his campaign for president and won plaudits for her

appearance at the National Republican Convention in San Diego.

Mrs. Dole became president of the American Red Cross in February 1991. She took a leave of absence from the relief agency in November 1995 to help her husband's presidential bid.

"I look forward to taking on the numerous humanitarian challenges in the months ahead and to intensify Red Cross services to families and individuals in neighborhoods across the nation and around the world," she said.

Singer-songwriter Townes Van Zandt dies at age 52

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Singer-songwriter Townes Van Zandt, whose catalogue includes the hits *If I Needed You* and *Pancho & Lefty*, died Wednesday evening of an apparent heart attack. He was 52.

Van Zandt had recently returned to his Smyrna home to recuperate from hip surgery a week ago, said Beverly Paul of Sugar Hill Records. Fellow songwriter Guy Clark was at the home when he died, as was Van Zandt's second wife Jeanene and daughter Katie Belle.

"Katie Belle came running in and said, 'Daddy's having a fight with his heart,'" Paul said. "They rushed into the room and Townes was already gone."

Don Williams and Emmylou Harris had a duet hit with *I Needed You* and Willie Nelson and Merle Haggard did a duet on *Pancho & Lefty*.

A native of Fort Worth, Van Zandt was at the center of a hard-living group of folk troubadours from Texas that included Clark, Jerry Jeff Walker and Mickey Newberry. Latter-day artists like Steve Earle, Hal Ketchum, Robert Earl Keen, the Cowboy Junkies and Rodney Crowell have all cited the influence of Van Zandt songs like *Tecumseh Valley*, *For the Sake of a*

Song and *White Freight Liner Blues*. On the liner notes for Van Zandt's 1987 album *At My Window*, Earle wrote: "Townes Van Zandt is the best songwriter in the whole world and I'll stand on Bob Dylan's coffee table in my cowboy boots and say that."

Van Zandt's own musical hero was bluesman Lighthn' Hopkins. He last released an album in 1994, *No Deeper Blue*.

New book examines communist recruitment of teenage informers

BERLIN (AP) — It was a tactic eerily reminiscent of Hitler's Third Reich: German youths used by the secret police to spy on their elders for a totalitarian regime.

It happened in communist East Germany on a scale few imagined, according to a Lutheran clergyman who was targeted by youthful informers.

"Perhaps we had a rough idea that something was going on. But none of us knew the dimensions," said the Rev. Rudi-Karl Pahnke. "We did not know that a 13-year-old could be cooperating."

Pahnke co-authored a new book, "Damaged Souls," that examines how youths recruited by the East German secret police suffered psychological damage in betraying friends and mentors.

The book, published in German, reveals a surprising number of young spies: An estimated 17,000 youths ages 14 to 25 were among the 174,000 "unofficial collaborators" of the Ministry for State Security, known as the Stasi.

Many turned to alcohol and drugs after East Germany collapsed in 1989-90. Others have been unable to maintain personal relationships, or have become withdrawn out of guilt, the book says.

Stasi chief Erich Mielke first proposed recruiting spies under 25 in the early 1960s to curb youthful "nonconformity" in the rigid communist system.

Eventually youths under 18 were used to report on schoolmates and to infiltrate the punk rock, heavy metal and skinhead scenes.

The informers also reported on their teachers and on church groups that adults couldn't easily infiltrate, the book says.

When Pahnke looked into his own Stasi files in 1991, he was stunned to discover that half of the 18 informants spying on him were teenagers he had counseled at his East Berlin church.

The Stasi files were opened to the general public in 1992. Since then, 1.2 million Germans have applied to examine their files, and about 800,000 have done so.

Ulrike Poppe, a former dissident, said the book is a reminder of the cruelty of the East German communist system.

"I see a strong trend now, the growing idea among people from (East Germany) who want to believe that it was a friendly country, bound by solidarity, and

simply don't want to see how cold and brutal the methods of the dictatorship really were," she said.

Cornelia Bull, a spokeswoman for the federal commission for Stasi archives, said the spying was similar to that done by the Nazis, who encouraged children to spy on their families.

But she said the comparison can be taken only so far — unlike in the Nazi era, where being caught by the Gestapo usually meant a concentration camp or worse, those who didn't toe the line in East Germany were more likely to lose a job or promotion or be denied permission for a trip.

"Damaged Souls" deals mainly with the psychological effects on the young spies. The authors interviewed young ex-spies and examined Stasi files. Full names of those interviewed aren't revealed because they were minors when they collaborated.

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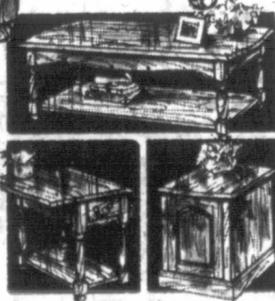


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Man Tries To Make Good On His 14-Year-Old Promise

DEAR ABBY: In January 1983, my wife and I sailed on the Queen Elizabeth II from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to San Francisco. We were in the middle of a bon voyage party when a young man around 30 peeked into our stateroom. He was a visitor on board, and asked if he could see what a cabin looked like. I invited him in, and we chatted for a few minutes.

As he was leaving, he asked me to do him a favor and purchase four QELI World Cruise T-shirts for his children. (The ship's shops were closed while we were in port, and he would have to disembark before they opened.) He told me what sizes to buy and gave me \$30 to cover the cost of the shirts, plus mailing. He gave me a business card — he worked for a financial organization in Fort Lauderdale.

"How do you know I won't just keep the money and not send the T-shirts?" I asked. He said he had faith in people's honesty.

To make a long story short, I lost his card, so I couldn't send him the T-shirts. When we arrived in San Francisco, I got a Fort Lauderdale telephone directory and made over two dozen calls to different financial companies, but I couldn't locate the young man.

My wife has been nagging me all these years to write to you because we still have the T-shirts. You could put my mind at ease and restore a young man's trust in people by printing my letter. And if you do, I

Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

hope he sees it.

EUGENE GAZZOLO, AUBURN, CALIF.

DEAR EUGENE: It's never too late to make the effort to right a wrong. Should the man see your letter in my column, he will finally know why you didn't send the T-shirts. Then his trust in people may be restored. If I hear from him, I'll let you know.

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter from "Jennifer in Norfolk, Va.," dealing with the issue of sex education. The question was who should be teaching kids about sex: parents or teachers?

Jennifer makes a broad assumption when she states, "Teachers don't like to talk about the 'touchy-feely' stuff." Well, it's not that teachers don't like to talk about it, but oftentimes they can't talk about it.

I am a young English teacher in the Bay area. I would like nothing better than to discuss sex openly

and honestly with my students, but if I decided to do that, I could kiss my teaching career goodbye.

Until the classroom stops being a place for moral battles and starts becoming a place where open communication can flourish without fear, sex education will stay where it is — buried.

NO NAME PLEASE, SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR NO NAME: Several of my readers have suggested that rather than calling it "sex education," if it were viewed as health education, the topic might be less controversial. While some parents fear that these classes are sex manuals, in reality all they teach is how pregnancy occurs and diseases are transmitted. Teen-agers need to know much more than this in order to make wise decisions, and ideally both schools and parents should educate young people about sex.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Friday, Jan. 3, 1997

Some of the good seeds you have sown in the past have taken root and sprouted. The year ahead represents the potential harvest of a well-deserved bounty.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Shy away from cliques or groups today if the members are more concerned with what you have than with who you are. You don't have to prove anything to anyone. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodi-

ac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) What you promote will win the approval of others today, but you may not know when to stop. If you push too hard, you will scare your customers away.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If others agree with your ideas today, you'll be a fun person to have around. However, if you encounter opposition, you could become abrasive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It will be essential to be extremely detail-oriented when conducting business deals today. Carelessness could cause you to lose what you have gained.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you need advice today, choose your adviser carefully. Poor suggestions from the wrong source could lead you to fool's gold instead of precious metal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will not be very productive today, but what little you do, you'll do well. Try to be more enthusiastic.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A friend who frequently gets involved in foolish

endeavors might talk you into taking a risk today. Avoid the urge to act impulsively.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are likely to have better ideas early in the day. Make every effort to take action as soon as possible. Time will not be your ally.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Pay attention today if someone tries to teach you how to operate unfamiliar equipment. Do not just pretend to listen to what he says.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your finances might be subject to some broad swings today. You will have the potential to turn a profit, but you will be just as likely to experience a loss.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You will be very tolerant if an outsider makes a mistake today, but if a family member or an old friend does the same thing, you might come down hard on him.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone will offer to do you a favor today. However, she might try to attach so many strings that it will not make sense to accept her proposal.

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"I think his rubber duck has been mothballed."



"Is there a reason you're trying to sneak past me?"

The Family Circus



HMM I WONDER IF ONE OF MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS SHOULD BE TO CONTROL MY TEMPER...

Marmaduke



DO YOU MIND?! I'M TRYING TO THINK OVER HERE!

Grizzwells



IMAGINE YOUR FOLKS ARE GETTING WORRIED ABOUT YOU TWO? C'MON, I'LL WALK YOU BOYS HOME! SO THERE YOU ARE! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU! WE HAD A GREAT ADVENTURE, MOM! YEAH! YOU'LL NEVER BELIEVE WHAT HAPPENED TO US!

Alley Oop



YES, SIR... I THINK YOU SOLD ME A FORGERY... THIS IS NOT JOE SHLABOTNIK'S SIGNATURE GET LOST?! YOU SELL ME A FAKE AUTOGRAPH, AND THEN TELL ME TO GET LOST?! WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT? LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO MY WORLD FAMOUS ATTACK DOG...

Peanuts



MEANWHILE, OVER AT LIKE... LOOKS LIKE WE'RE BUSTED ON THE TIGER WOODS COMMERCIAL... SO FAR NOBODY'S BEEN ABLE TO FIND EVEN ONE GOLF COURSE WHERE HE "COULDN'T PLAY BECAUSE OF HIS SKIN COLOR..." BUT WON'T THAT CATCH UP WITH US EVENTUALLY? MAYBE NOT... IT MIGHT CROIGHT UP WITH THE PRESIDENT!

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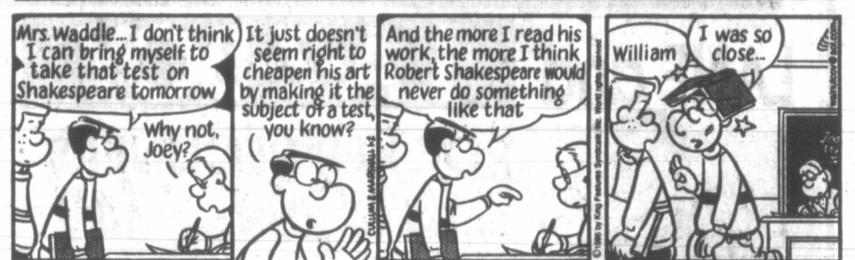
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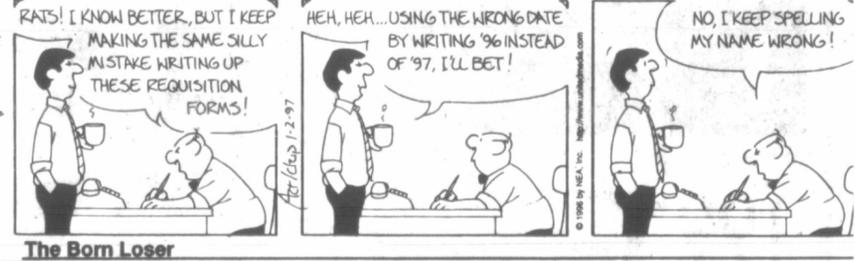
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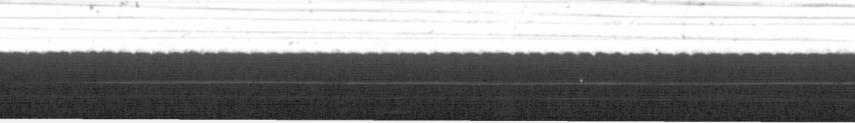
The Born Loser



Hollywood Movie Museum



Frank and Ernest



Mallard Filmore

Notebook

CYCLING

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Miguel Indurain, the only rider to win the Tour de France five straight times and considered one of the greatest cyclists ever, announced his retirement today.

"I've dedicated enough time to professional cycling," Indurain, 32, said. "After deliberating this decision for a long time, I believe I have made the best decision for myself and my family."

Indurain began considering retiring in 1996 after some uninspired performances. He finished 11th in the Tour de France in July and withdrew from the Tour of Spain because of a cold.

Indurain told a news conference at a hotel in Pamplona that he will dedicate himself "to other pursuits," which he did not specify.

BASKETBALL

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Two early losses — even if they were of the quality variety — are too many for a team that was ranked No. 1 in the preseason poll.

Maybe that's why Cincinnati, the preseason No. 1 which lost to Xavier of Ohio and Kansas, has felt like it has to convince people everything is OK.

The sixth-ranked Bearcats took another step Wednesday to erasing any further doubts with a 101-60 victory over previously unbeaten Southwest Missouri State in the championship game of the inaugural Puerto Rico Holiday Classic.

"We're starting to come along. We're doing the things we didn't," said 6-foot-7 junior forward Danny Fortson, the tournament MVP. "We're finally back to where we were in the preseason."

FOOTBALL

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Steve Young still expects to start Saturday's NFC divisional playoff. The question is whether his bruised ribs will allow him to finish.

For the first time, San Francisco coach George Seifert brought up the possibility that backup Elvis Grbac could be pressed into duty in relief of the sore-ribbed Young.

Young received three shots Wednesday to block the pain from the aching ribs and got in only limited practice. It might be the only work he gets before the 49ers (13-4) play at Green Bay (13-3), the top seed in the NFC playoffs.

As he has all week, Grbac took the bulk of the practice snaps while Young trotted into the locker room three times to receive the pain-killing shots from team physician Dr. Bob Millard.

Young, officially listed as questionable, took a handful of snaps and threw a little on the side as the 49ers completed their last full practice before their rematch with Green Bay, the team that knocked San Francisco out of the playoffs last year.

"He wasn't throwing 100 percent, that's for sure," Seifert said. "He threw some good balls. I don't know that he got as much work as I thought he would, but it wasn't dramatically less and our feeling is he'll still be the starting quarterback on game day."

The 49ers will have a light workout today at the Arizona Cardinals' training facilities, where they moved this week to escape stormy weather back home, and then leave tonight for Green Bay.

Seifert said Young probably wouldn't take part in today's workout, meaning Young has had virtually no practice since hurting his ribs while running for a touchdown in last Sunday's 14-0 wild-card win over Philadelphia.

"I don't know if it's a good idea to inject him again (just for practice). I'm going to visit with the doctor. I'm ready to have him just get the injections game day and play," Seifert said.

Second-half surge lifts Penn State past Texas

By MEL REISNER
AP Sports Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The setting was right for Penn State, which always steps up at the Fiesta Bowl. So was the situation.

When the Nittany Lions trailed Texas 12-7 after a lackluster first half, historians could have warned the Longhorns to watch out: Penn State likes to close with a rush.

It happened again Wednesday night. The No. 7 Lions (11-2) regained the lead after a big kickoff return, and three backs ran for a total of four touchdowns in the second half to beat No. 20 Texas 38-15 and stay unbeaten in six Fiesta Bowl appearances.

It was reminiscent of the Lions' last trip to Tempe, when they scored six times in the second half and routed Tennessee 42-17 five years ago. Penn State also came from behind late to beat Miami 14-10 on Jan. 2, 1987, the next most recent of Paterno's six Fiesta victories — one-third of his

18 bowl wins that top the coaching fraternity.

"We always seem to play well here," Paterno said. "I don't know what it is really."

This time it was part work-horse Curtis Enis, part brilliant individual effort by two freshmen, and a big part defense, which held Texas (8-5) to minus-19 yards rushing in the second half.

"We feed off our defense," said Enis, who ran for two touchdowns and 72 of his 95 yards in the second half. "When they came out and played hard, Texas wasn't able to put together drives and stuff like that. I kind of took it personal and said that we had to start moving the ball."

Earlier, Kenny Watson gave all of his teammates a lift with an 81-yard return of the second-half kickoff.

"I had to make something happen," Watson said. "We got the wedge right, I saw an opening and I took it."

It set up a 5-yard scoring run

by Aaron Harris that gave Penn State a 15-12 lead 2:33 into the third quarter.

The Longhorns were able to counter once. Phil Dawson tied it with his third field goal, a 48-yarder, with 8:10 left in the period.

But Enis, who caught a 4-yard scoring pass for the first points of the game, gave the Lions a 22-15 lead when he scored on a 2-yard dive with 3:23 left, and Anthony Cleary scored from 1 yard with one second left in the third.

Enis had 13-, 12- and 13-yard runs that preceded his rushing score, while Cleary was the recipient of another big play — freshman Chafie Fields' 84-yard run on a reverse to the Texas 5.

The run was a bowl record for Penn State, eclipsing an 83-yard scamper by Ki-Jana Carter in the 1995 Rose Bowl.

In the fourth period, Enis scored his third TD on a 12-yard run and Brett Conway kicked a 23-yard field goal.

Ricky Williams ran in from the

7 with 12 seconds left in the first half for Texas' only TD. At the time, it looked as if the Longhorns were going to make good on the promise they showed in a 37-27 upset of Nebraska in the Big 12 Conference title game. They had run 41 plays to 25 for Penn State and owned a 242-95 advantage in yardage.

But Texas never stopped reeling in the second half.

"I can't say enough how big that kickoff return was for us," Enis said. "He said he's going to run this back, and we're going to go for two. I was like, 'OK.' Sure enough, there went Kenny Watson right down the sideline."

Watson, who averaged 23.5 yards a return, pulled off a similar inspirational return when Indiana led 20-10 at halftime. He took that second-half kickoff back 52 yards and the Lions scored 38 consecutive points to start their five-game winning streak.

"The kickoff return gave them

a big boost," said Texas coach John Mackovic, whose team's five-game win streak was snapped. "They got control of the game, and once they got control, they really dominated. We were unable to regain any momentum."

The Longhorns were trying to win a bowl game outside of Texas for the first time since 1965.

"They wore us down," said Longhorns cornerback Bryant Westbrook. "I guess you could say that."

In the first half, Texas was resilient enough to bounce back from a miscue.

Mark Tate of the Lions picked off James Brown's first pass attempt and returned it 12 yards to the Texas 26, and Enis' first carry was good for 15 yards. After two slants by Jason Sload, Wally Richardson threw a 4-yard pass to Enis in the end zone.

But the Longhorns got a pair of 28-yard field goals by Williams, then drove 69 yards for Dawson's score and the halftime lead.

Cowboys try and focus on Panthers despite distractions

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Emmitt Smith says he and his teammates are "just fed up" with the controversy surrounding the Dallas Cowboys this season.

Then he adds: "We'll just shake it off and keep on moving."

The Cowboys are trying to do just that after being jolted by the latest distraction in a season full of them: A 23-year-old woman accused wide receiver Michael Irvin of holding a gun to her head while offensive tackle Erik Williams and another man allegedly raped her.

Irvin and Williams practiced Wednesday for Sunday's NFC divisional playoff game against the Carolina Panthers. Police said they planned to call the pair in for questioning today.

even at Erik's house," Irvin said.

"I'm real anxious to see how that's going to happen. Can you run it with the same intensity that you ran this other stuff? Can you run it with the same intensity? I want to see if it's possible."

Troy Aikman said the team was handling the latest distraction fairly well.

"Obviously it's some distraction, but I don't think it's going to keep us from preparing to play like we have to come out and play," the quarterback said. "I don't know if you ever get used to distractions. This team has overcome a great deal of adversity. We'll just have to see."

"I want to be proud of this organization," he said. "I'm proud of what we have accomplished."

So is teammate Bill Bates, though he said all the turmoil "makes me sick to my stomach."

The safety-linebacker said his children asked him what was going on.

"I just told them that people in life sometimes have problems and that nobody is perfect," he said. "Things happen, and not just to the Cowboys. It's happening all over the NFL, the world, the nation. Nothing shocks me anymore. Just turn on the TV. It's society in general."

Fullback Daryl Johnston said the Cowboys' image was definitely taking a hit.

"You would have to be foolish not to be concerned about what the public perception would be," he said.

He said Dallas players are accustomed to circus

sideshows at Valley Ranch. "It's just another thing we are forced to overcome," he said. "It comes at a critical time. But we've done it (overcome adversity) in the past."

Johnston, who is a free agent after this season, said before he re-signs with Dallas he would consider things such as image.

Should Irvin and Williams miss the game, the Dallas coaches could move All-Pro right guard Larry Allen to right tackle for Williams and put backup Derek Kennard in Allen's spot.

Deion Sanders would start in Irvin's spot as he did in the first five games of the season when Irvin was serving his NFL probation on a no-contest plea of cocaine possession. He was sentenced to four years' probation and 800 hours of community service. Irvin's parole could be revoked if he is charged with any crime.

Coach Barry Switzer had already planned for Sanders to get more playing time than in recent weeks at wide receiver. Sanders has been bothered with muscle spasms in his back.

Former Dallas coach Tom Landry said the Cowboys' troubles are a sign of the times.

"Well, I don't know if the latest (charges) are accurate or not, but it seems like they run into trouble from time to time," said Landry, who coached the team from 1960 to 1988. "It's a reflection on the whole team when it does."

"It seems like this is a different era. It just seems like the players can do whatever they want."



(AP photo)

Dom Capers, who was named NFL Coach of the Year, and his Carolina Panthers take a seven-game win streak into Sunday's clash against the Dallas Cowboys.

Carolina hit by controversy

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The Carolina Panthers were hoping to use this week to focus exclusively on the biggest game in the franchise's brief history. Instead, they've had some off-field problems added to the mix.

Starting tackle Blake Brockermeyer and reserve defensive end Shawn King, two of the Panthers' youngest players, have worked their way into the headlines as Carolina prepares for Sunday's NFC semifinal against Dallas.

Carolina suspended King for the rest of the season for repeatedly showing up late for meetings. Brockermeyer publicly vented his frustration over being kept on the bench while he recovers from a broken thumb.

"There's always some things on the outside that can become peripheral distractions if you let them," coach Dom Capers said Wednesday. "You have to be mature in your approach, put blinders on and focus on what it's going to take to go out and play."

The Brockermeyer and King incidents hardly put the Panthers on the same level as the Cowboys, who seem to be hounded almost constantly by one criminal investigation after another.

But they are uncharacteristic of a franchise that has become the most successful in NFL expansion history by espousing the principles of unity, maturity and individual sacrifice for the greater good of the team.

The Panthers last year more than doubled the record for victories by an expansion team with seven, and this year they went 12-4 and won the NFC West. The closed the regular season with a seven-game winning streak, helping them earn a first-round bye for the playoffs and Sunday's second-round game at Ericsson Stadium, where Carolina is 8-0.

Some teammates who were interviewed Wednesday said Brockermeyer and King were unfairly drawing attention from Carolina's postseason aspirations. Others expressed sympathy for the two players. All, however, said the Panthers have to concentrate on the task at hand.

"This is a game where you put together a lot of individuals, and things happen," quarterback Kerry Collins said. "Things happen that are out of my control and a lot of the guys' control, so what do you do? You can sit here and dwell on it, but I don't think that would do any good. We've got to focus on the Cowboys and try to just play our best game on Sunday and kind of forget about everything else."

Brockermeyer, 23, one of Carolina's three first-round draft choices in 1995, started every game as a rookie at left tackle. But this season, the Panthers began experimenting with Brockermeyer on the right side, citing Mathew Campbell's progress in making the switch from tight end to left tackle.

Brockermeyer fractured his left thumb Nov. 24 against Houston. He had several alterations to his cast in recent weeks to allow him to resume practicing, but he has been unable to get back in the starting lineup.

Earlier this week, he told the media his frustration over being relegated to the bench — in favor of Campbell and rookie Norberto Garrido — was not likely to pass in the near future.

"It's something I'll just have to live with," Brockermeyer said, "but I won't forget this."

King, 24, a second-round draft choice last season, struggled as a rookie and has been unable to unseat starting defensive end Gerald Williams, an 11-year veteran.

King's playing time gradually increased, however, and he had been replacing Williams on obvious passing downs. King's season totals included three sacks, one forced fumble, one interception and one fumble return for a touchdown.

Before being suspended Tuesday night, King was both warned and fined for previous late arrivals, team officials said.

"The one asset of this team is we've always been able to focus, no matter what we've been presented with," Williams said. "And we will continue to do that."

Pampa hosts Herd tonight

PAMPA — District 1-4A activity heats up tonight at Pampa hosts Hereford in a boys-girls doubleheader at McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa boys are 1-0 in district play while Hereford is 1-1. Pampa girls are 2-1 while Hereford is 3-1.

The girls' contest tips off at 6, followed by the boys at 7:30.

Saturday night, the Pampa cagers travel to Randall for more district action.

Randall boys are the early leaders in the district race with a 2-0 record. Randall girls are 2-1.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Gametimes are 6 (girls) and 7:30 (boys).

CLARENDON — Junior pivot Chad Carr scored 24 points as Canadian slipped by Clarendon, 71-69, in overtime in an area basketball game Tuesday night.

Josh Moran added 17 points for the Wildcats, who had trailed Clarendon by five (31-26) at halftime.

Brent Gaines led Clarendon with 20 points. Kareem

Abdullah followed with 17. Clarendon won the girls' game, 50-45.

Kasi Ashcraft was high scorer for Clarendon with 17 points. Corey Knorpp had 10.

Leading scorer for Canadian was Tatum Rankin with 18 points. Denise Lee added 10.

Canadian hosts a tournament, beginning tonight. The finals will be played Saturday in both boys' and girls' divisions.

Friday night around the area, Groom hosts Clarendon while White Deer travels to West Texas High.

Brigham Young claims Cotton Bowl win

DALLAS (AP) — All-America cornerback Chris Canty was in the tunnel getting fluids through a needle. Kansas State's other starting cornerback, Joe Gordon, also was on the sidelines trying to get back his breath and rest weary legs.

So while they were out, the Brigham Young offense struck.

The Cougars scored both of their fourth-quarter touchdowns against the worn-out Wildcats on passes against Canty and Gordon's backups, enabling them to pull out a 19-15 victory

in Wednesday's Cotton Bowl.

Canty said it wouldn't be fair to blame the defensive lapses on his absence, but he mentioned that he would've been covering K.O. Kealahui on his game-winning 28-yard touchdown with 3:38 to play that capped BYU's comeback from a 15-5 deficit.

Canty and Gordon's absence may or may not have made the difference, especially considering how much trouble the Kansas State (9-3) offense was having.

In fact, the offense had a chance to win it, driving to the BYU 12 when cornerback Omarr Morgan stepped in front of Jimmy Dean and intercepted the ball at the 3 with 55 seconds left.

"I didn't make the play," quarterback Brian Kavanagh said. "It feels like I let a whole lot of people down."

Kansas State coach Bill Snyder was quick to point out that no single play lost the game.

Stars fall to Canadiens, 6-4

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars were riding high less than two weeks ago with the best record in the Western Conference. Lately, the Stars have found the road is bumpy.

Dallas is 1-4-0 in its last five games following Wednesday's 6-4 loss to the Montreal Canadiens. The Stars have

been guilty of a series of third-period collapses, the latest coming after Dallas had rallied to take the lead with just over 14 minutes to play.

Joe Nieuwendyk scored two goals in a span of 1:45 early in the third period to give the Stars a 4-3 lead.

Scoreboard

FOOTBALL

College Bowl Games At A Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST
Thursday, Dec. 19
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
Nevada 18, Ball State 15

Wednesday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue 44, Gray 34

Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Navy 42, California 38

Friday, Dec. 27
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Syracuse 30, Houston 17

Carquest Bowl
At Miami
Miami 31, Virginia 21

Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Wisconsin 38, Utah 11

Saturday, Dec. 28
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
LSU 10, Clemson 7

Sunday, Dec. 29
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Iowa 27, Texas Tech 0

Monday, Dec. 30
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Colorado 33, Washington 21

Tuesday, Dec. 31
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Howard 27, Southern U. 24

Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Stanford 38, Michigan State 0

Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Auburn 32, Army 29

Orange Bowl
At Miami
Nebraska 41, Virginia Tech 21

Wednesday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Alabama 17, Michigan 14

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
North Carolina 20, West Virginia 13

Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Tennessee 48, Northwestern 28

Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Brigham Young 19, Kansas State 15

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Ohio State 20, Arizona State 17

Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Penn State 38, Texas 15

Thursday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida State (11-0) vs. Florida (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

NFL Playoffs At A Glance
Wild Cards
Saturday, Dec. 28
Jacksonville 30, Buffalo 27
Dallas 40, Minnesota 15

Sunday, Dec. 29
Pittsburgh 42, Indianapolis 14
San Francisco 14, Philadelphia 0

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 4
San Francisco @ Bay, 12:30 p.m. (FOX)
Jacksonville @ Jacksonville, 4 p.m. (NBC)

Sunday, Jan. 5
Pittsburgh at New England, 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Dallas at Carolina, 4 p.m. (FOX)

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 12
TBA

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
At New Orleans
TBA, 6:18 p.m.

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2
At Honolulu
TBA, 8 p.m.

Fiesta Bowl, Stats
Penn St. 7 0 21 10 — 38
Texas 3 9 3 0 — 15

First Quarter
PSU—Enis 4 pass from Richardson (Conway kick), 2:13

Tex—FG Dawson 28, 8:30.
Second Quarter
Tex—FG Dawson 28, 4:22.
Tex—R. Williams 7 run (pass failed), 14:48.

Third Quarter
PSU—Harris 5 run (Richardson pass to Enis), 2:33.
Tex—FG Dawson 48, 8:10.
PSU—Enis 2 run (Conway kick), 11:37.
PSU—Cleary 1 run (kick failed), 14:59.

Fourth Quarter
PSU—FG Conway 23, 4:37.
PSU—Enis 12 run (Conway kick), 9:10.
A—65, 108.

First downs 19 19
Rushes-yards 30-73 44-330
Passing 287 95
Comp-Att-Int 27-43-1 12-20-0
Return Yards 64 169
Punts-Avg. 6-37.7 5-35.6
Fumbles-Lost 2-1 0-0
Penalties-Yards 8-57 4-49
Time of Possession 33:03 26:57

Individual Statistics
RUSHING—Texas, R. Williams 11-48, S. Mitchell 7-24; Holmes 6-11, J. Brown 6-10; Penn St., Enis 16-95, Fields 1-84, Eberly 7-54, C. Mitchell 6-45, Cleary 5-31, Harris 4-13, Sload 2-7, Nixon 1-3, Richardson 2-2 (minus 2).
PASSING—Texas, J. Brown 26-42-1-254, Danaher 1-1-0-33. Penn St., Richardson 12-20-0-95.
RECEIVING—Texas, R. Williams 9-24, Davis 5-72, M. Adams 4-73, McGarity 3-27, Fitzgerald 2-31, Holmes 2-15, Westbrook 1-33, White 1-12. Penn St., C. Brown 3-32, Jurevics 2-22, Eberly 2-19, Enis 2-15, Harris 2-5, Campbell 1-2.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Final results in the Pampa Optimist Girls Basketball Leagues are listed below:
Fifth-Grade
Williams Insurance 13, Bow-With-It 10
W - Jessica Lynch 6; B - Stacy Johnson 6
Dos Caballeros 10, B.D.C.I. 8
D - Kendra Raber 4; B - Abbi Covalt 4.
First Bank Southwest 14, W.O. Operating 8
F - Sarah Porter 8; W - Lindsey Ledbetter 5.
Williams Insurance 16, First Bank Southwest 12
W - Hollie Gattis 6, Jessica Lynch 6; F - Sarah Porter 10.
Bow-With-It 23, W.O. Operating 15
B - Valerie Velez 13; W - Lindsey Ledbetter 8, T. Andrea Holmes 5.
B.D.C.I. 14, Mid-America 12
B - Casey Fisher 4, Teryn Stowers 4; M - Christina Rodriguez 8.
Dos Caballeros 28, Mid-America 10
D - Kendra Raber 8, Stefani Goldsmith 8; M - Danielle Green 4, Bethany Casados 4.
Williams Insurance 19, W.O. Operating 8
W - Jessica Lynch 7; W.O. - Kristi Farnum 2, Shawnyl Baker 2, T. Andrea Holmes 2, Allison Phelps 2.
Bow-With-It 27, First Bank Southwest 15
B - Valerie Velez 10, Shanta Reed 9; F - Sarah Porter 13.
B.D.C.I. 29, First Bank Southwest 14
B - Casey Fisher 10, Teryn Stowers 9; F - Sarah Porter 9.
Williams Insurance 22, W.O. Operating 4
W - Hollie Gattis 8, Sam Conner 6; W.O. - Lindsey Ledbetter 4.
Dos Caballeros 37, W.O. Operating 8
D - Kendra Raber 12, Chelsea Davis 8; W - Lindsey Ledbetter 4.
B.D.C.I. 20, Bow-With-It 11
B.D.C.I. - Jennie Waggoner 8; B - Valerie Velez 9.
Mid-America 28, First Bank Southwest 7
M - Christina Rodriguez 14; F - Amber Driggers 4.

Third-Fourth Grade
West Texas Ford 24, Dr. Walsh 2
W - Jennie Rogers 8, Carissa Snelgroves 6; D - Nicole Fernik 2.
Firefighters 20, Hoagies 18
F - Morgan Meharg 12; H - Jacklyn Spearman 8.
Firefighters 31, Dr. Walsh 5
F - Payton Baird 13, Morgan Meharg 8; D - Kara Sheppard 2, Nicole Fernik 2.
Hoagies 16, N.T.S. 9
H - Missy Brown 12; N - Rebecca Gindorf 6.
W.T. Ford 12, N.T.S. 8
W - Jackie Gerber 8; N - Stacy Krump 2, Chelsea Anderson 2.
W.T. Ford 14, N.T.S. 4
W - Jackie Gerber 4; N - Talyn Gregory 2, Kendall Stokes 2.
Dr. Walsh 8, Hoagies 8
D - Destinee Patton 2, Britney Reagan 2, Wendy Clark 2, Kylie Winegeart 2; H - Angie Hall 2, Elizabeth Thomas 2.
Hoagies 20, Dr. Walsh 4
H - Missy Brown 16; D - Cara Shepherd 2, Allissa Bromwell 2.
W.T. Ford 18, Hoagies 12
W - Teryn Garner 12; H - Missy Brown 6.
W.T. Ford 14, Hoagies 8
W - Nicole Day 6, Heather Balay 6; H - Angie Hall 2.

Firefighters 9, N.T.S. 7
F - Morgan Meharg 4; N - Talyn Gregory 4.
W.T. Ford 14, Firefighters 8
W - Heather Balay 6, Lindsey Rhodes 6; F - Brooke Coulton 2.
W.T. Ford 16, Firefighters 13
W - Teryn Garner 8; F - Payton Baird 6, Monica Eakin 5.
N.T.S. 14, Dr. Walsh 8
N - Talyn Gregory 8; D - Heather Dildy 4.
Dr. Walsh 6, N.T.S. 8
D - Kylie Winegeart 4.
N.T.S. 8, Hoagies 6
N - Rebecca Gindorf 6; H - Misty Brown 4.
Hoagies 8, N.T.S. 8
H - Abby McBride 2, Laura Haley 2, Elizabeth Thomas 2; N - Kristi Alexander 2.
Firefighters 24, Dr. Walsh 8
F - Morgan Meharg 16, Monica Eakin 6; D - Heather Dildy 6.
Dr. Walsh 5, Firefighters 8
D - Destinee Patton 4; F - Autumn Darden 2, Monica Eakin 2.
Firefighters 8, Hoagies 8
F - Autumn Darden 4, Brooke Coulton 4.
Firefighters 19, Hoagies 11
F - Morgan Meharg 8, Kaira Longo 6; H - Missy Brown 6.
Dr. Walsh 5, West Texas Ford 8
D - Kylie Winegeart 2, Nicole Fernik 2; W - Teryn Garner 2.
W.T. Ford 27, Dr. Walsh 5
W - Teryn Garner 12, Jenny Rodgers 10; D - Alyssa Bromwell 2, Heather Dildy 2.

National Basketball Association

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	23	7 .767	—
New York	21	8 .724	1 1/2
Washington	15	14 .517	7 1/2
Orlando	10	16 .385	11
New Jersey	8	19 .296	13 1/2
Philadelphia	8	20 .286	14
Boston	6	21 .222	15 1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	27	4 .871	—
Detroit	22	7 .759	4
Cleveland	19	10 .655	7
Atlanta	16	11 .593	9
Charlotte	16	13 .552	10
Milwaukee	15	14 .517	11
Indiana	13	15 .464	12 1/2
Toronto	10	19 .345	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	24	6 .800	—
Utah	22	7 .759	1 1/2
Minnesota	12	18 .400	12
Dallas	10	17 .370	12 1/2
San Antonio	7	20 .259	15 1/2
Denver	8	22 .267	16
Vancouver	6	25 .194	18 1/2

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	22	9 .710	—
Seattle	21	11 .656	1 1/2
Portland	16	15 .516	6
Sacramento	13	18 .419	9
Golden State	11	18 .379	10
L.A. Clippers	11	19 .367	10 1/2
Phoenix	10	19 .345	11

Monday's Games
New York 98, New Jersey 86
Charlotte 101, Washington 92
Cleveland 108, Minnesota 96
Detroit 97, Orlando 85
Chicago 81, Indiana 79
Houston 99, Seattle 91
Boston 104, Denver 102
Phoenix 100, Sacramento 88
San Antonio 95, Vancouver 88
L.A. Clippers 115, Utah 101

Tuesday's Games
No games scheduled
Wednesday's Games
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Thursday's Games
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Phoenix at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
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New Jersey	20	13	3	43	100	90
Washington	16	20	3	35	105	109
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Phoenix	17	17	4	38	105	120
St. Louis	17	20	2	36	111	128
Chicago	15	20	6	36	104	111
Toronto	17	22	0	34	119	135

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Colorado	23	10	5	51	135	90
Edmonton	17	19	4	38	132	124
Vancouver	16	19	1	33	108	123
Anaheim	14	19	5	33	110	118
San Jose	14	19	4	32	97	117
Calgary	13	21	5	31	96	115
Los Angeles	13	21	0	30	101	129

Tuesday's Games

21 Help Wanted

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NEED Part-time person to run errands/drive for elderly gentleman. Call collect 1-972-252-3142.

CLEANING Service needs part-time evening workers. Apply at 106 N. Main, Skellytown. 848-2517.

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NEED Dependable motivated fence laborers. Call 665-6872 for appointment.

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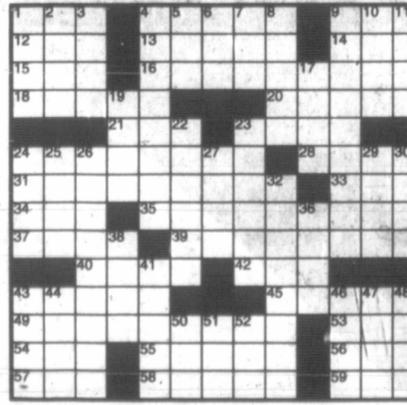
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DENTURES

Full Set \$350 1-800-688-3411

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69a Garage Sales

1121 Gariand Inside Estate Sale Friday 9 - 5. Large desk, dishes glassware, household items, furniture.

ESTATE Sale: 10 a.m. - 7 Tools, collectables. 827 S. Russell, on S. Cuyler turn west at Ford str.

70 Musical

PIANOS FOR RENT New and used pianos. Starting at \$40 per month. Up to 9 months of rent will apply to purchase. It's all right here in Pampa at Tarpley Music. 665-1251.

75 Feeds and Seeds

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89 Wanted To Buy

WILL pay cash for good used furniture, appliances. 669-9654, 669-0804.

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1 and 2 bedroom duplex on North Gray. 669-9817

1 bedroom. References and deposit required. Dogwood Apartments, 669-2981, 669-9817.

BEAUTIFULLY furnished 1 bedroom starting at \$365, 6 month lease, pool, laundry on site. Caprock Apartments 1601 W. Somerville, 665-7149.

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NICE 2 bedroom. \$300 month, \$150 deposit. 1108 Sirroco. 669-2270

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103 Homes For Sale

GENE AND JANNIE LEWIS Action Realty, 669-1221

Henry Gruben Century 21-Pampa Realty 669-3798, 669-0007, 664-1238

HOUSE at 619 N. Christy, Pampa for sale \$6500. Would take a trade in. Call 779-3145, McLean.

JoAnn Shackelford-Realtor First Landmark Realty Plan with JoAnn 665-7591

MOVING, Must sell. Nice 2 story home. Owner will carry down payment. 669-7192, 669-4675

NICE 2 bedroom with attached garage. Nice yard. Owner will carry. 416 Powell. 665-4842.

NICE Brick Home, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, basement, central heat/air, double garage, 3 acres, water-well, 2 miles South of Mobeetic. 845-2921

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1989 GMC Sierra Classic, 2 wheel drive, 350, power windows and locks, extended cab, long wide bed with top. 100,000 highway miles. \$7000. 665-3589

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1982 Yamaha 1100 and 1981 Yamaha 400. Call 665-4022.

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OGDEN AND SON Expert Electronic wheel balancing. 301 W. Foster. 665-8444.

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Parker Boats & Motors 301 S. Cuyler, Pampa 669-1122, 5909 Canyon Dr., Amarillo 359-9097. Mercurier Dealer.

5 Horsepower Fishing Motor, like new with only a few hours. 665-3568 after 5:30.

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Nation briefs

Police: Nazi suspect to face assault charges

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — A man whom neighbors alternately described as friendly and menacing will face assault charges for allegedly shooting at police and journalists hours after he was accused of working as a Nazi death camp guard.

Michael Kolnhofer, 79, was hospitalized in critical condition Wednesday with a gunshot wound to his left leg, a day after police said he stood on his porch and fired a gun at them and reporters.

Kolnhofer will be charged today in Tuesday's shooting, which injured no one else, Wyandotte County District Attorney Nick Tomasic said Wednesday.

"We will be filing criminal charges against him," Tomasic said. "Definitely."

Kolnhofer could be charged with aggravated assault against a uniformed officer, Tomasic said.

Hours before the shootout, Justice Department prosecutors had filed papers to strip Kolnhofer of his citizenship, accusing him of applying for a visa in 1952 while concealing his past as a guard at Nazi concentration camps in Sachsenhausen and Buchenwald during World War II.

High tides sweep 27 sight-seers into ocean

REDONDO BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Storm-whipped waves that arched as high as 10 feet swept 27 people off a rocky jetty on this Southern California beach, leaving many with neck and back injuries.

Those toppled by two big waves that crashed the rocks at King Harbor included tourists, fishermen and children. All were rescued by lifeguards.

FDA issues synthetic drug advisory

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The government warned consumers not to ingest synthetic designer drugs with names like "Cherry FX Bomb" that violently sickened dozens in a crowd of young partygoers at a New Year's Eve "rave" concert.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration warned people Wednesday not to consume colored liquid products named "Orange FX Rush," "Lemon FX Drop," and "Cherry FX Bomb." The liquids are stored in glass vials.

"These products have been implicated in severe adverse reactions including dizziness, nausea, severe shortness of breath and respiratory arrests that affected approximately 50 people — some of whom were hospitalized," said FDA spokesman Jim O'Hara in Washington, D.C.

O'Hara said confiscated vials of the "FX" products will be tested by the FDA. The vials were handed out at the concert, attended by about 10,000 people. Six people have been arrested for investigation of selling and distributing drugs.

A 17-year-old boy who suffered a heart attack and an 18-year-old woman were upgraded from critical to stable condition today. Another boy remained in critical condition after being struck by a car during the melee that erupted when the concert was canceled.

Concertgoer Charlie Bambrook had to be treated for four hours after he drank an "FX" product and fell to the ground writhing in pain, vomiting.

"Then they had an announcement: 'Do not take this FX, whatever it is, do not take it,'" the 18-year-old Bambrook told KCAL-TV on Wednesday.

The rave, an advertised, all-night party known for loud, techno-music was shut down early, angering youths who paid about \$25 to attend. The concert ended in a bottle- and stone-hurling melee on downtown streets. A city bus was violently rocked.

One young man was hit in the head by an object and a policeman suffered minor injuries when he was hit by a bottle, Officer Mike Partain said.

Officers in riot gear dispersed the crowd by firing rubber pellets. Order was restored about 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, officials said. Four people were arrested for resisting arrest and failing to disperse.

Dr. Robert Splawn of California Hospital Medical Center said patients admitted at the center had symptoms from a mix of a variety of drugs.

"Apparently several drugs were being abused," he said. "We've heard everything from X

"Signs are posted all the time, but there are long lulls where nothing breaks and then something knocks you off," said life-guard Lt. Phil Topar.

"It's quite a tumble — about 15 feet down to the big boulders. If you're lucky you'll end up in the ocean, but the water is 57 degrees," Topar said.

Several people were treated at the site for bruises. Eight people were taken to a nearby hospital. Five were in stable condition.

The waves were blamed in part on a storm system that battered the Northern California coast with heavy rain. Dangerous rip-tides also were reported at Southern California beaches.

Testing failed to discover dolls could eat kids' hair

WASHINGTON (AP) — A corps of toy company engineers and safety experts studied a "food"-eating doll before it went on the market, but they never found what at least 35 children have discovered: It can munch on hair and little fingers.

Mattel Inc. announced Tuesday it was putting warning labels on Cabbage Patch Snacktime Kids doll packages now in stores to alert parents that the doll's chewing mouth can snag hair or fingers and that removing the doll's backpack will stop the mechanism.

The toy has battery-powered, mechanical jaws that move when it is fed plastic food. But federal consumer protection officials said that in at least two incidents the doll clamped on fingers of children and in another 33 incidents it chomped on hair and wouldn't let go.

No children have required medical attention in any of these incidents, according to Lisa McKendall, a Mattel spokeswoman.

(Ecstasy), to LSD to the new one, GHB (Gamma hydroxybutyrate also known as Liquid X). Some participants told me people were using a combination of them." GHB is a legal substance.

The drugs cause euphoria, convulsions and comas, the doctor said.

A concert promoter described the drink as a legal, herbal stimulant, but police said they were unsure what the substance was.

Palestinians, Jews skeptical peace will reign in Hebron

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — An Israeli soldier who opened fire in Hebron's marketplace brought a nightmare scenario to life, and fanned the debate over the presence of 500 Jewish settlers in this city of 130,000 Palestinians.

Although the soldier was not stationed in Hebron and does not live here, Palestinians said the attack showed they are not safe with Jewish settlements in the city.

"This shows that the army can't protect us," said Palestinian vendor Hussein Natche, 27, surveying the deserted market after the shooting Wednesday. "We need the settlers and the army out of here."

The settlers claimed the shooting showed that they are the ones in danger, suggesting that the armed Palestinian police force that is to be deployed in the city under an emerging agreement might have fired back at the soldier, setting off bloody clashes.

Noam Arnon, a spokesman for Hebron's Jewish settlers, said more people would have been hurt if Palestinian police were



already deployed in the city as the plan calls for — even though they will not be in the area of the city where the settlers live. "It would have only caused

more bloodshed, clashes and even war," he said.

The settlers see their mission as rebuilding the Jewish community that was destroyed in 1929 after Arab riots in which 67 Jews were killed.

Arnon said militants who use violence to defend the mission are misguided.

"They think they help, but they are wrong," he said. "They only hurt our cause."

In 1994, settler Baruch Goldstein, massacred 29 Palestinian worshippers at Hebron's Tomb of the Patriarchs. Yigal Amir, who assassinated Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in November 1995, was a frequent weekend visitor to Hebron.

The settlers — and their backers in government — feel their lives are in danger in Hebron, where Islamic militants find strong support. Settler leaders have fed such fears with apocalyptic predictions of coming violence.

Hundreds of Israeli soldiers with assault rifles watch over downtown Hebron from every possible vantage point — taking up positions on rooftops, man-

ning checkpoints and escorting settlers who shop in the Arab market.

Even after the redeployment, Israeli troops would remain in a large swath of downtown Hebron, including the settler enclaves and the marketplace. Some 15,000 to 20,000 Palestinians also live in the area to remain under Israeli control — a source of much vexation to Palestinians.

"What peace? What redeployment?" Natche said with disgust.

Frank Carmel, a resident of Kiryat Arba originally from Seattle, said he wasn't surprised by Wednesday's shooting — but by its source.

"We were expecting trouble from the Arabs," he said. "This makes the state of Israel look bad."

For the Palestinians, the shooting reinforced a belief that the settlers are provocative and an obstacle to peace.

"These people should be moved," said Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erakat. "We will tell the Israeli government once again: The choice is yours, peace or settlements. You cannot have both."

Parents of slain six-year-old Colorado girl say killer's at large

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — The parents of a six-year-old beauty pageant winner found strangled in her home say they don't believe the killer was a family member or friend.

"Our family is a loving family, a gentle family," John B. Ramsey, JonBenet's father, told CNN Wednesday.

Ramsey and his wife, Patricia, were interviewed by the network in Atlanta, where they buried their daughter Tuesday.

"We are a Christian, God-fearing family. We love our children. We would do anything for our children," Mrs. Ramsey said.

The body of JonBenet, last year's Little Miss Colorado, was discovered the day after Christmas in the family's upscale home in Boulder, about eight hours after she was reported kidnapped.

Authorities have refused to discuss the case. While a police spokeswoman said earlier this week that no suspects have been identified, she said the public is in no danger from the girl's killer.

But Mrs. Ramsey warned her neighbors to be careful.

"There is a killer on the loose," she told CNN. "There's someone

out there ... I don't know who it is. I don't know if it's a he or a she. But if I were a resident of Boulder, I would tell my friends to keep your babies close to you."

Ramsey, a president of a computer company, said he raised the \$118,000 ransom a kidnapping note demanded on just an hour's notice.

Ramsey said the three-page kidnapping note, found on some little-used back stairs in their expensive Boulder home, said they would get a telephone call with further instructions, but no one called.

Later, he said, "one of the detectives asked me and one of my friends who was there to go through every inch of the house and see if there was anything that was unusual or out of place."

"We had one room in the basement that when I opened the door — there were no windows in the room — and I turned the light on and ... it was her," he said. "I hoped that she was still OK but I could tell that she probably wasn't."

The parents said that the family will hire attorneys and private investigators to help police find their daughter's killer.

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